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Wests bid for Papaïouannou

Victorian First division club Western Suburbs hopes to have Greek super-star Mimis Papaïouannou in its team within the next three weeks.

Wests president Jim Tsabasis is confident that his negotiations with Papaïouannou will be completed successfully.



Alun Evans heads goalwards during South Melbourne's 3-4 loss to West Adelaide last Sunday. At right is Peter Boyle. Picture by SAM BELFONTE

\$30,000 IS PRICE FOR ALUN EVANS

South Melbourne Hellas is willing to listen to offers for Alun Evans providing the offers are for around \$30,000.

It may sound a lot by Australian standards but it's chicken feed compared with transfer fees that were paid for Evans in England.

For example, Liverpool paid Wolves 100,000 pounds for him when he was only 17. Later Aston Villa paid 75,000 pounds for him.

The \$15,000 South Melbourne paid Walsall for Evans brought to \$300,000 the total transfer fees spent on him.

Evans has six England under 23 caps and can boast of having scored a hat-trick for Liverpool in a European Cup match against none other than the great Bayern Munich, featuring Gerd Mueller, Uli Hoeness, Paul Breitner and the other German super-stars. Evans announced a few weeks ago that he wanted a transfer from South Melbourne Hellas but when Duncan McKay took over as coach and when Hellas started winning again, it appeared Evans may have changed his mind.

But Evans said this week he is still seeking a move. "I'm unsettled at Hellas and I definitely want to move on," he said.

The club has told me it would be prepared to let me go if someone makes the right offer. "I don't mind moving interstate if I have to."

If Evans does transfer for the \$30,000 the club wants for him, it will not be a record. West Adelaide paid \$45,000 to Arsenal for John Kosmina, Jim Hermiston's transfer from Grange Thistle to Brisbane Lions was worth about \$30,000 and APIA paid \$40,000 for former Bologna ace Rosario Rampanti.

Some other high transfers have been: Agner Muniz from Sydney City to Adelaide City, \$15,000; Tony Henderson from Canberra to Marconi, \$14,000; George Campbell from Aberdeen to South Melbourne, \$20,000; Branko Buljevic from Footscray to Heidelberg, \$12,500; Dixie Deans from Celtic to Adelaide City, \$20,000; Peter Laumets from Preston Makedonia to South Melbourne, \$15,000 — LAURIE SCHWAB

Weinstein hits back

The chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Michael Weinstein, has hit back strongly at statements made in "The Age" by PSL chairman Sam Papasavas about tours by Norwich City and Wisla Krakow.

Mr. Papasavas was quoted as saying the Federation had scraped the bottom of the barrel in inviting Norwich and that the PSL should not have agreed to a two-week break in its competition to accommodate such teams.

Mr. Weinstein said he was "amazed and bewildered" that such statements had been made by "an official who should know better."

"To say the federations were scraping the bottom of the barrel inviting a well-known UK team like Norwich City and continental teams like Wisla which reached the semi-finals of the European Cup, is most insulting," Mr. Weinstein said.

"The VSF has always tried to bring to the public a balance of soccer styles. These games appeal to the public as a whole and not just to one section."

"It seems to me Mr. Papasavas changes his

mind as often as the weather changes in Melbourne."

"When Wisla visited us he was critical of the Victorian State team selection, stating certain South Melbourne players were not included. Now he says we shouldn't have played against Wisla."

"It was he who was responsible for bringing forward at ASF level the motion that the PSL competition should be suspended during the winter months to enable overseas teams to be accommodated, yet now he criticises the break, saying two weeks is too long."

"I want to make it clear Mr. Papasavas does not speak on behalf of the PSL or even on behalf of the three Victorian PSL clubs. The VSF has the full support and co-operation of Heidelberg United and Footscray. Their players and administrators are always available to help."

"I am quite sure that the visit of Partizan Belgrade in two weeks' time will be a great success and that thousands of people will take the opportunity to go and have a look at the team, especially in the match against Victoria which has impressed in its past few games."

Papaïouannou had told Tsabasis that AEK Athens will release him, following a gala testimonial match to mark his official retirement from Greek football.

Tsabasis hopes Papaïouannou will play with Western Suburbs at least until the end of the season.

Papaïouannou would be paid more than \$20,000.

Western Suburbs official Emmanuel Parisis said the club was this week requesting a clearance from AEK, through Australian Soccer Federation.

"Papaïouannou will be here any time after June 10, with his new bride," Parisis said.

"They will visit friends in Melbourne and Papaïouannou will play the bouzouki and sing in Melbourne night spots."

Parisis said Papaïouannou would coach juniors at Western Suburbs, apart from playing for the senior team, which is on top of the First Division ladder.

Western Suburbs' player-coach is Ray Pocock, who previously played for Sunshine City. Marconi, Canterbury-Marrickville, Melbourne, NSW, Victoria and Australia.

Papaïouannou, one of the longest-serving Greek internationals, had two games with Heidelberg-Alexander in 1976.

For the record, details of those games are:

ALEXANDER: 3 P. Bannon 3rd, Gillan 12th, Brand 65th WEST ADELAIDE 2 (McGregor 10th, Pillans 82nd), at Olympic Park, crowd about 4000. Referee Stirling.

ALEXANDER: Blasby — V. Bannon, Nelson, Taylor, Boziskas, Rakovallis — Gibson (Miller 55th), P. Bannon (Thomson 67th) — Gillan, Cole (Brand half time), Papaïouannou.

WEST ADELAIDE: Service — Reynolds, Yeeles (sent off 36th), replaced by Farkas half time), Mangakis, Vagianos — DeLyster, Pillans, McGregor — Zervas, Pantelis, Watkins.

ALEXANDER 4 (Papaïouannou 2, Gibson, Cole) MARCONI 4 (Keddie 2, Mariani, Brizuela) at Olympic Park, crowd about 3000.

ALEXANDER: Blasby — V. Bannon, Taylor (Miller 62nd), Boziskas (Glykokalamos half time), Donaldson — P. Bannon, Gibson (Webster half time), Thomson — Gillan (Cole 63rd), Brand Papaïouannou.

MARCONI: Maher — Jones (Mariani 52nd), Prskalo, Degney, Robertson — Campbell, Micevski (Brizuela 71st), Richards — Sharne, Keddie, Carizzo.

By
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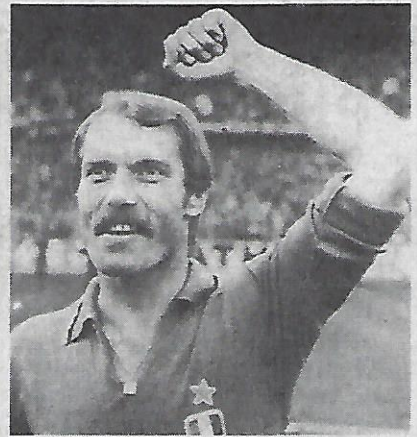
Benetti for Marconi?

Marconi is negotiating to sign Italian World Cup midfielder Romeo Benetti (pictured).

Marconi's soccer chairman Tony Labbozzetta said this week: "We have offered Ben-

etti certain terms and conditions and we are waiting to see if he agrees."

• A four-page lift-out feature on the great Marconi club starts on page 7 of this issue.



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Kosmina to meet the strong Kiwis

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will add Col Bennett (Brisbane Lions) and John Kosmina (West Adelaide) to the Socceroos who will meet New Zealand in Auckland next Wednesday.

The squad will comprise mainly the players who, in the colors of NSW, beat Norwich 4-1 in Sydney two weeks ago.

Some of them — like Ivo Prskalo, Tony Henderson and John Stevenson — do not qualify for citizenship, but Gutendorf will not worry about that until he chooses the Olympic squad after the NZ game.

The players for the two Olympic qualifying matches against Taiwan in Indonesia in July have to be either Australian born or naturalised.

Gutendorf said this week that Kosmina and Bennett would probably be in the Olympic squad and that he would probably add South Melbourne's Alan Davidson.

Gutendorf is also considering Footscray's young midfielder Zoran Iliski.

Other players certain to be in

the Olympic squad are Steve O'Connor (Sydney City), Mark Janovic, Peter Sharpe, Eddie Krncevic, Gary Byrne (Marconi), Greg Woodhouse (APIA) and Tony Brennan (Brisbane Lions).

Players like Stuart Baxter, Ken Boden, Peter Boyle, Tony Henderson and others who have been used by Gutendorf in trial matches, are not Australian citizens and therefore are ineligible to play in the Olympic matches.

Gutendorf will name the national youth squad at the same time he announces his Olympic squad. The youth squad will be prepared for the finals of the Coca-Cola world youth championships to be held in Australia in 1981.

Gutendorf will also name a national under 16 squad for a tournament in Singapore in December.

Newcastle KB United coach Alan West, a former New Zealand World Cup player, will be Gutendorf's assistant for the match against New Zealand next week.

The Socceroos will fly to Auckland on Tuesday and return on Thursday.

A return match will be played in Canberra, probably on July 25.

New Zealand has named a powerful squad, featuring Tony Sibley, Adrian Elrick, Brian Turner, Steve Sumner and Keith Nelson who played against Australia in the 1977 World Cup elimination games.

The Kiwis' coach, John Adshead, has included Dunedin City goalscorer Steve Wooddin, a 24-year-old from Liverpool, although Wooddin is not a naturalised New Zealander.

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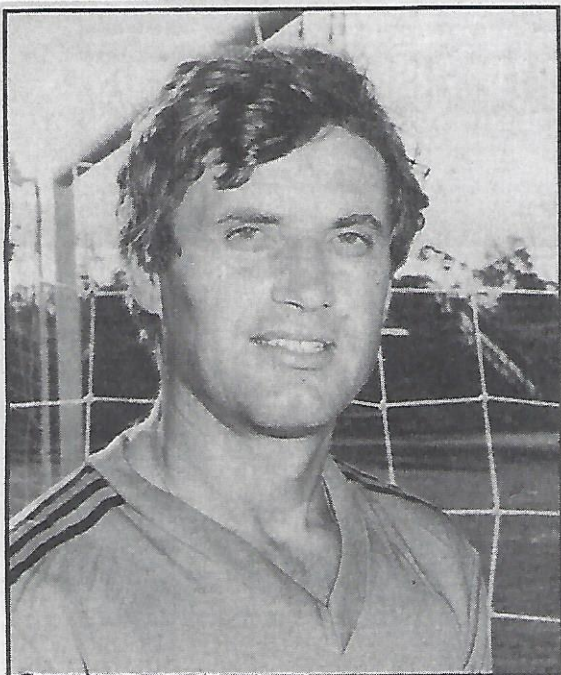
PSL STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY					Gls	BP	TP
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
MARCONI	3	2	1	17	10	3	1	1	12	4	29.14	3	18
SYDNEY CITY	2	0	4	13	14	5	0	0	11	2	24.16	1	15
ADELAIDE CITY	3	1	2	7	6	3	1	1	11	7	18.13	0	14
APIA-LEICHHARDT	2	1	2	4	5	4	1	1	7	5	12.10	0	14
Brisbane City	3	0	2	8	3	2	2	2	10	12	18.15	1	13
West Adelaide	3	1	1	9	3	2	1	3	5	10	14.13	1	13
Newcastle KB	3	0	2	9	4	2	2	2	9	9	18.13	0	12
Canberra City	1	2	2	4	7	3	2	1	9	5	13.12	0	12
Heidelberg Utd	2	2	1	6	4	2	1	3	7	8	13.12	0	11
Sydney Olympic	2	0	3	5	5	3	0	3	11	9	16.14	0	10
Footscray JUST	2	1	3	7	12	2	0	3	5	10	12.22	0	9
Brisbane Lions	2	0	4	10	10	2	0	3	4	6	14.16	0	8
South Melbourne	2	1	3	8	10	1	0	4	2	14	10.24	0	7
St. George BSC	1	0	5	5	15	1	0	4	8	24	9.26	0	4

BP — Bonus points. TP — Total points.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets: No. of appearances in this team.

CROOK (3)
(Westad)HERMISTON (5) PRSKALO (2) DEMPSEY (1) DAVIDSON (3)
(Lions) (Marc) (Apia) (South M.)BUTLER (2) DAVIES (4) RASKOPOULOS (4)
(Apia) (Can) (Olympic)WATSON (1) REED (1) JENNINGS (1)
(Syd. City) (Apia) (Olympic)

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BRISBANE LIONS 1 HEIDELBERG 3 Ratings by
Bruce Waddell.

LIONS — Lownds 6, Hermiston 8, Bennett 7,
Lawrie 6, Niven 7, Ontong 6, (Russell 6, 38th), Spear-
ritt 6, Wilson 7, Laszlo 5, Fairbrother 7, Brennan 6
(Wallace 63rd).

HEIDELBERG — Banovic 7, McMillan 8 (Solamidis
80th), Provan 7, Yzendoorn 7, Tansey 8, Bannan 7,
Taylor 6, Campbell 8, Bozidak 5 (Paton 6, 46th), Cole
6, Buljevic 7.

ADELAIDE C2 CANBERRA 1 Ratings by Meno
Toutsidis

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dodds 7, Russell 7,
Besir, Perin 6, Muniz 7, Nyskohus 7 (Villani) North-
cote 7, Deans 6, J. Nyskohus 6, Kent 6.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7, Moulis 7, Milovanovic
7, Farrell 7, Stark 6, Brown 7, Callaghan 7, Cant 6,
Davies 8, Byrne 6, Fielding 6.

MARCONI 2 NEWCASTLE KB UTD 1 Ratings by
Alex Vesic

MARCONI: Maher 8, Berry 7, Russell 7, Praskalo 9,
Dugney 7, Henderson 8, Byrne 8, Vieri 6 (Mariani 30'
- 8), Krncevic 8, Jankovic 8, Sharne 8

NEWCASTLE: Preston 7, Willis 7, Sneddon 8,
Summerscales 7, Drinkwater 7, Bertogna 7, Tredin-
nick 8, Boden 8, Hayes 7, Senkalski 7

FOOTSCRAY 2 BRISBANE CITY 0. Ratings by
Bobby McLachlan.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 8 — Ristic 7, Jovicic 7, Kon-
darios 8, Hazabent 7, Ilioski 8, Picioane 7, Rujevic 7,
Palinkas 7, Vasic 6, Lujic 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 6, Potter 7, Rat-
cliffe 7, Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 6, Echeverria 6, Gaff-
ney 7, Brusasco 6, Kelso 6, Low 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 WEST ADELAIDE 4.
Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 4, Pye 8, Munro 8,
Baxter 7, Davidson 9, Wright 6 (Turner 78th), Christ-

opoulos 6, (Cummings 68th), Lutton 7, Drakeford 8,
Evans 8, Campbell 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, Reynolds 6, Kambas 8,
Jones 8, Tymczyaszyn 6, Honeyman 5, Bozanic 5,
Boyle 6, McGregor 5, (Pillans 63rd), Norris 8, Kos-
mina 8.

SYDNEY CITY 3 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 Ratings by
Johnny Warren.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullen 7, O'Connor 7,
Thomson 7, (Peticas 89'), Bruce 7, Campbell 7,
Barnes 6, Soumess 7, Watson 9, Smith 7, Silva 6,
(Borges 79')

OLYMPIC: Meier 7, McIntosh 8, Rowden 7, Bell 7,
Ainslie 7, Wilson 7, Raskopoulos 8, Laing 7, Scott 6,
Eaton 6, Jennings 9.

ST GEORGE 1 APIA 2. Ratings by Tony Raciti:
ST. GEORGE: Coe 7, Harris 6, Della Picca 7, Ut-
jesenovic 7, R. O'Shea 8, Gnavi 7, J. O'Shea 8, Kath-
olos 7, Matic 6, (Morgan), Hensman 7, Cotton 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 8, McGinn 7, Dempsey 9,
Wilson 7, Pullen 7, Stone 5, Carruthers 7, Butler 8,
Rampanti 7, Roberts 7, (O'Donnell 80th), Reed 8.

Leading averages:

8.0 Pye (SM), Jankovic (Marc).

7.8 Prskalo (Marc), Tokesi (BC).

7.7 Raskopoulos (SO), Crook (WA), S. O'Connor,
Thomson (SC), Sharne, G. Byrne (Marc), Hermiston
(BL), Potter (BC).

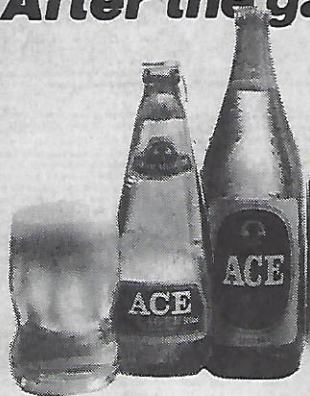
7.6 Meier (SO), Davies (Can), Wilkinson, Perry
(BC), Marshall (AC).

7.5 Jennings (SO), Clarke (SC), Krncevic, Hender-
son (Marc), Kondarios (Foots), Stark (Can), Gaffney
(BC).

7.4 Bell (SO), Boyle (WA), Watson, Bruce (SC), Da-
vidson (SM), F. O'Connor (St.G.), Boden (Newc), But-
ler, Rampanti, Woodhouse (APIA).

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7 Deans (AC)
6 Knevcic (Mar), Brennan (BL)
5 Easton (SO), Watson (SC), Shorne (Mar), Picioene (Foot).
4 Norris (WA), Evans (SM), Hays, Drinkwater (Newc).
3 Koemina (WA), Stevenson, Barnes (SC), P. O'Connor, J. O'Shea (St. G), Bodan (Newc), Cole, Buljevic (H barg), Rilevski (Foot), T. Byrne (Can), Kelso (BC, Reed (APIA), J. Nyskohus (AC).

Cole, Paton, Buljevic?

Next weekend's round of Philips League matches:

IN CANBERRA
Canberra City v Brisbane Lions, Bruce Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB Utd v St. George, International Sports Centre, Saturday 2.30 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
Heidelberg Utd. v Sydney City, Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
Sydney Olympic v Marconi, Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm.

APIA v Footscray JUST, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v Adelaide City, Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v South Melbourne, Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Having scored in his league debut against Brisbane Lions last weekend, Victorian State player Jamie Paton should get his first full game for Heidelberg against Sydney City at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Paton came on as a substitute in Brisbane and, apart from scoring a goal, came close to adding a second.

The little striker was top scorer in the Victorian State League last season. A Heidelberg forward line of Gary Cole, Paton and Branko Buljevic presents a valuable contrast of styles — the strength and hard running of Cole on through balls, the guile of Buljevic who engineers most of the forward moves, and the deadly finishing of Paton in the penalty area.

Heidelberg has quite a few players to choose from but it's not difficult coming up with the best possible combination. In my opinion, it is:

Barovic — McMillan, Yzendoorn, Proven, Tansey — Campbell, Bannon, Rooney — Cole, Paton, Buljevic.

That line-up, if allowed to settle down, should prove to be one of the most formidable in the league.

Whether it can worry mighty Sydney City remains to be seen.

The Sydney City defence is not as watertight as it had at first appeared, so Buljevic, Paton and Cole will be trying their damndest to do what Olympic's Clive Eaton, Graham Jennings and Peter Raskopoulos did to Sydney City last Sunday.

Olympic's 4-3 victory over Gerry Chalke's men was one of the most marvellous of the league so far, especially since it was due to the efforts of the younger players.

The same young stars will don their armour against the league leader, Marconi, at Pratten Park on Sunday but this time their youth and vigor will be more than matched by Marconi's young trump cards Mark Jankovic, Eddie Knevcic, Peter Shame, Paul Degrey and Gary Byrne.

The West Adelaide v Adelaide City clash at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday, is sure to draw the biggest crowd of the round.

Despite the re-emergence of John Kosmina and Graham Norris as goalscorers, Adelaide City appears to be the better balanced team and is thus favored to win. It is the City midfield of Agenor Muniz, John Pein and Brian Northcote which could swing the game against West Adelaide.

British newcomer Kevin Keelan should boost the Newcastle KB United attack, sufficiently to snatch a victory over St. George at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

The combined might of Roy Drinkwater, Bill Summerscales and Col Curran in defence shut out Sydney City and enabled KB United to advance to the Philips Cup semi-finals last Wednesday.

St. George's forwards are not as good as those of Sydney City, so it is unlikely that the Newcastle defence will be broken.

Footscray J.U.S.T. will play its first game under new coach Bobby McLachlan when it meets APIA at Wentworth Park on Sunday.

J.U.S.T. showed improvement against Brisbane City last Sunday and will have Peter O'Brien and Mendo Ristovski available for re-inclusion J.U.S.T. has also shown interest in Jim O'Reilly of Heidelberg.

However, APIA, led by Peter Wilson has the best defensive record in the league, so Footscray will be battling to get even a draw.

Canberra City, inspired by Ian Callaghan, was in the game all the way until it lost to Charlie Villani's late goal in Adelaide last week. Canberra is at home to struggling Brisbane Lions on Sunday and should do a lot better.

Lions will probably be playing their first match under a new coach, as Eddie Spearritt resigned on Monday.

South Melbourne was unlucky to lose 3-4 to West Adelaide last week. With Alan Davidson, Mike Pre, Stuart Baxter, and Alan Evans playing some great soccer, Souths have their chance to make amends against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday.

John Hansen will probably replace Peter Laumets in goal and Duncan Cummings is pressing hard for a place on the forward line. — LAURIE SCHWAB

New striker for City

Bobby Campbell, 23, a striker from England, has joined Brisbane City.

Born in Ireland, Campbell played with Brisbane City midfielders Frank Pimblett at Aston Villa, and was also with Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Halifax Town and Oxford United.

Sheffield Utd paid a \$45,000 transfer fee for him.

Campbell also played for the Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American Soccer League — BRUCE WADDELL

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McLachlan in, Spearritt out

Bobby McLachlan is the new coach of Footscray J.U.S.T.

McLachlan was appointed on Monday to succeed Cedo Cirkovic who resigned four weeks ago after almost eight years as Footscray's coach.

Milanko Ruzmir, coach of Footscray's Second Division team, had been standing in while the club advertised for Cirkovic's replacement.

McLachlan took the Australian schoolboys team to North America last year. The team included Eddie Knevcic (now Marconi), Malcolm McClelland (Newcastle KB Utd), Peter Katholos (St. George), Greg Woodhouse (APIA), Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moulia (Canberra), Peter Raskopoulos (Sydney Olympic) and Ian Hunter (Nepean, NSW).

McLachlan, a former APIA and Croatica (Vic) player, has coached Preston Macedonia, Sunshine City, and Juventus (Vic) among others.

Meanwhile, Brisbane Lions' player-coach Eddie Spearritt has resigned.

A replacement was expected to be named as we went to Press, Guyula Vince, Walter Tamandl and Dennis Ford were among the coaches in the running.



Two stars of the South Melbourne West Adelaide match, Alan Davidson (left) of Souths and two-goal Graham Norris of Wests. Picture by SAM BELFONTE

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Cautions: McClelland (NU) 58th, Borges (SC) 88th, Watson (SC) 80th, Sumner (SC) 87th.

Crowd: 4,427.

Referee: Stuart Melling 6.

KB United: J. Preston 7, P. Williams 7, C. Curran 8, R. Drinkwater 9, B. Sumner 45th, J. Watson 5, J. Sneddon 45th, A. Borgote 7, M. McClelland 7, (Trednick 67th), G. Hays 7, K. Boden 8, J. Senkalski 7.

Sydney City: T. Clarke 7, K. Mullan 6, E. Thompson 7, S. O'Connor 7, J. Bruce 8, J. Stevenson 7, J. Watson 7, M. Barnes 7, C. Borges 6, (Sumner 74th), E. Campbell 8, H. Silva 7.

An immaculate display of defensive football by skipper Roy Drinkwater completely inspired Newcastle KB United for a win

over Sydney City after extra time by two goals to one.

The score had been locked at one all at the end of the regulation ninety minutes, but the turning point of the game possibly came in the 84th minute when John Campbell managed to get behind the defence and elegantly flicked the ball over the advancing Jim Preston in the Newcastle goal for what looked like being the end of a gallant challenge by Newcastle in the 1979 Cup. Out of the blue, however, Roy Drinkwater managed to get there and hook the ball away for a fruitless throw in.

Drinkwater, better known last season for some 'clanger' own goals received a tremendous ovation by the partisan local crowd, which like nothing more than to see the underdog fight his way out of trouble.

Joe Lanzoni

That, probably, was the most spectacular thing Drinkwater did last Wednesday but certainly not the only thing he did. Time after time he broke

up Sydney City attacks with timely interventions.

Not probably the best distributor in the game, Drinkwater's defensive game was absolutely faultless, however.

What looked like being a very ordinary game after a very dull first half, it suddenly burst to life in the 64th minute when Stevenson put the visitors in front with a shot from the edge of the penalty area after the Newcastle defence failed to clear the ball following a corner.

The locals did not take long to get back on level terms, three minutes in fact — when Arno Borgote pounced on a loose ball, served the unmarked Ken Boden and 'Mister Cool' did what he had any trouble to beat the advancing Todd Clarke.

From then on, the game erupted into a frantic struggle with both teams striving to get the winning goal. With Sydney City's chance coming in the 84th minute and Drinkwater coming to the rescue.

With the score locked at one all at the end of the regulation ninety minutes extra time was ordered and the remaining thirty minutes were certainly worth the admission price.

The game had turned into a typical cup tie, with some terrific encounters especially in the midfield and referee Stuart Melling had his hands full to keep the situation under control and in the process issued four yellow cards. Second half replacements for both sides played big parts in the finish.

Allan Vest's introduction of John

Sneddon and Peter Tradnick certainly had the desired effect with the rugged Sneddon flouting the effectiveness of Ian Souassa and Tradnick figuring prominently in the attack.

Ultimately it was Unhed that broke the deadlock in the 111th minute.

A Col Curran free kick from deep on the left was headed down by Sneddon to Gareth Hays, whose shot was parried by Clarke into the path of Bill Sumner, who had no trouble tapping it home for the winner.

It was a very gutsy performance by Newcastle and Allan Vest had every reason to be pleased after the game the side having reached the semi-finals of the Philips Cup for the second successive year.

Laurie Schwab

Alex Vesic

Meno Toutsidis

Bob McLachlan

Bruce Waddell

Johnny Warren

Tony Raciti

STH MELB 3
WEST AD. 4

Scorers: South Melb: Evans 21st & 79th, Davidson 83rd.
West Adelaide: Kosmina 14th & 88th, Norris 54th & 72nd.
Ground: Middle Park.
Weather: Mild and sunny.
Crowd: About 7000.
Referee: Tim Davies (NSW) 9.

MARCONI 2
NEWCASTLE 1

Ground: Bosley Park.
Attendance: 7673.
Referee: Richard Lovene 9.
Goals: Jankovic (45', 55') for Marconi, Drinkwater (81') for Newcastle.

ADEL C 2
CANBERRA 0

Scorers: Villani 75, Northcote 81 (Adelaide City).
Moulla (48).
Ground: Olympic Sports Field.
Weather: Cool.
Cautions: John Brown (Canberra).
Crowd: 5,200.
Referee: Graham Neale.

FOOTSCRAY 2
BRISB. C. 0

Scorers: Ilioski 32nd, Piccone 34th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Weather: Mild and sunny.
Crowd: About 1,250.
Referee: Tony Beazleigh (Vic) 7.
Cautions: Ratcliffe, Low, Wilkinson (BCJ), Jovicic (Footsc).

HEIDELBERG 3
LIONS 1

Scorers: Heidelberg: Cole 8th, Bennett own goal 38th, Paton 82nd.
Lions: Fairbrother 6th.
Ground: Perry Park.
Weather: Cool and cloudy.
Referee: P. Rampley 10.
Crowd: 1,200.
Cautions: Nil.

SYDNEY C.3
OLYMPIC 4

Ground: Wentworth Park.
Attendance: 2429.
Yellow Cards: Campbell (78').
Red Cards: Ian Rowden (90').
Referee: Melling 7.
Goals: Telling (22'), Alnais (64'), Laing (68') and Jennings (83') for Olympic, Watson (9', 15', 60').

ST GEORGE 1
APIA 2

Scorers: St George: Matic 15th; APIA: Butler 24th & 46th.
Ground: St George Stadium.
Referee: Wood 5.

Had it not been for two goalkeeper mistakes by Peter Laumets, South Melbourne would have won this match rather easily. Laumets failed to cut out crosses by Barry Reynolds and Peter Tymczyszyn, resulting in easy headed goals by unmarked strikers John Kosmina and Graham Norris in the 14th and 54th minutes.

Frank Munro and Stuart Barker also must take part of the blame, as Kosmina and Norris should have been given so much room close to goal.

West Adelaide had few dangerous raids, apart from the one which spawned the goals, whereas South Melbourne attacked furiously for most of the match.

At the heart of most of the attacks were fullbacks Mike Pye and Alan Davidson, and winger Ken Drakeford who improved steadily after tending to hold the ball too long in the first half.

West Adelaide has the deadly finishing of John Kosmina and the resolute defending of Con Kambas and Dave Jones to thank for its victory.

After Davidson had scored with a header in the 53rd minute the match appeared certain to finish in a 3-3 draw but Kosmina showed his class by lobbing the ball accurately into the far top corner for the winning goal two minutes from the end.

Boyle tore away on the left flank, chased by Davidson. Davidson made up a lot of ground to catch Boyle but missed with his sliding tackle, leaving Boyle free to advance further and cross the ball, which was then repelled to Kosmina.

West Adelaide was extremely disappointing in midfield. Graham Honeyman, Vic Bozanic and Boyle were all uncharacteristically unventurous. Boyle at least had the occasional run into attack but Honeyman never threatened and Bozanic didn't even use his renowned long-range shot.

Like West Adelaide, South Melbourne could do with more drive from its midfield men. Their work rate is much lower than that of fullbacks Pye and Davidson.

Alun Evans put South Melbourne into the game after the setback of Kosmina's early goal, by equalising with a deft back-header from a Drakeford corner. Duncan Cummings had scored a similar back-header goal against Heidelberg earlier in the year.

Bertie Lutton, the best of the South Melbourne defence, delivered a well-delayed pass to Evans shortly afterwards but goalkeeper Martyn Crook saved well.

Crook made another excellent save from a dipping shot by Drakeford just after half time, before Norris headed West Adelaide into a 2-1 lead from Tymczyszyn's cross.

Just after Pillans had replaced McGreggor, South Melbourne brought on Cummings from George Christopoulos, a move that involved George Campbell dropping back into midfield.

In the 72nd minute a free kick was repelled by the South Melbourne defence to Norris who speared it hard and low through a pack of defenders. Into the net for West Adelaide's third goal.

South Melbourne coach Duncan McKay reacted by bringing Tony Turner on for Sammy Wright. Turner went to left back, to allow Davidson to move into midfield, and the move was to pay off.

Evans made it 3-2 with a spectacular shot on the turn, while falling and then a cross by Davidson hit the crossbar and came out to Drakeford whose first-time shot was blocked by Crook on the line. Davidson equalised with a header from a free kick taken by Frank Munro out on the right wing. South Melbourne's fate faded when Kosmina's perfectly placed job into the top corner sent West Adelaide home with a 4-2

After a bruising 90 minutes at Marconi stadium, the home team emerged the deserved victor and should rate top candidate for 1979 League honours.

It was not Marconi's best performance by a long shot. In fact it was a game that never got into second gear for most of the time. However, it will be remembered for its toughness and uncompromising attitude by players of both teams.

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In fact, had they capitalised on the few errors by Marconi in the first half it was a game that never got into second gear for most of the time. However, it will be remembered for its toughness and uncompromising attitude by players of both teams.

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In the dying seconds of the first half Marconi scored its first goal. Following a corner by Gary Byrne, the ball was partly cleared by Pat Deguey who had attempted a 20 metre shot. The ball came off a defender and fell to the feet of Jankovic who turned quickly to hook the ball into the net from close range.

Marconi continued to attack and as the minutes ticked away, found Newcastle far more than a match to be feared. The space looked open for Marconi's fast runners and Newcastle appeared in all sorts of bother.

Marconi scored again in the 55th minute. Tony Henderson, one of the best players on the day, raced through the middle before settling a good pass into the path of Eddie Kneovic. The young striker had the speed to run away from a defender but ran wide and had to turn before crossing the ball for Jankovic to head home a brilliant goal.

Marconi continued to dominate and came close to a couple of times. Jovicic headed past the post following some good work by Eddie Kneovic in the 63rd and a minute later it was Tony Henderson's turn to make a break.

Running at full pace, Henderson burst through three players before attempting a 30-metre drive which took some time to reach the keeper. Henderson failed to see Mariani positioned well inside the area and attempted a shot when passing would have been the thing to do.

With 10 minutes to go, Newcastle ventured into Marconi's half and surprised the home team with a well-taken goal. The ball was headed in by a corner kick from the right. Sneddon and Drinkwater went for a high cross and with no Mariani in sight, the ball was headed in by a free header. It finished well off Maher for a fine goal.

Suddenly the game changed. It was all Newcastle in the last seven or eight minutes as Boden and Senkalski drove forward in search of that equalising goal. In the 81st minute it was Joe Senkalski who almost snatched the second goal for Newcastle. For once, Senkalski's headed pass was accurate. In the last touchline, then slammed a great shot that was destined for the top right hand corner of Maher's net, but for a tremendous relief save by the Marconi keeper.

In the closing minutes Prskalo led his team well to slow down the pace and deny Newcastle an opportunity in front of goal.

Just couldn't help feeling sorry for the losers, for they were a fine team on the day and were well supported by one of the best bunch of visiting supporters I've seen in years.

Disappointed with a loss, Newcastle's coach Alan Vest couldn't escape the change in his team's tactics at the beginning of the second half. "We allowed them to get on all at the first half and they could not penetrate at all. We had to create the chances. My wish was to continue with the same pattern but somehow the idea fell apart as soon as the second half started," was the comment by the Newcastle's coach.

With tall men in defence, Spierthoff and Senkalski and Boden in front, Alan Vest will soon be on the winning trail again and challenging for the top of the League.

Marconi's men were fast and entertaining to watch in patches, and once they scored that second goal they never looked like losing a point.

But it is important to note that a 2-0 lead was sufficient to allow some selfishness to creep into their game. Kneovic and Mariani could have added goals but for some selfishness by their team mates and that must be eliminated before one can be sure of tucking away the title at Bosley Park.

Joe Prskalo was by far the best player on the pitch and received accolades for his performance.

Adelaide City edged out Canberra City 2-1 in a dramatic match at Olympic Sports Field.

Adelaide looked a beaten side, for most of the second half but staged a late revival which stunned Canberra.

Canberra looked the more impressive side early with its cool and composed display.

Former Liverpool ace Ian Callaghan showed several fine touches in his first game and was obviously a player of great class.

His passing was immaculate. On at least three occasions he split Adelaide's defence with superb 35 metre cross field passes.

John Davies and Isaac Farrell were also in good touch and were a constant worry to Adelaide.

Canberra had the first real chance of the match in the twenty ninth minute, when Farrell speared the ball through the defence for Jim Carr but the pass was too deep and Peter Marshall saved off his line to intercept.

Just a minute later, Dixie Deans should have scored after Chris Kent pried open the defence but he clipped the ball wide of the net in the post.

Adelaide was slowly moving into gear and in the thirty second minute John Nyskowski unleashed a 20 metre pipework which Canberra keeper Steve Hosowski brilliantly turned around the post.

But Canberra opened the scoring three minutes into the second half.

Ian Callaghan was brought down just inside Adelaide's half and from the free kick the ball was driven into the penalty area where Danny Moulla shot coolly for a shock goal.

The goal severely dented Adelaide's confidence. Its passing deteriorated, players got in each others way and it looked a very ragged outfit.

Deans and Dods bowed a good chance in the fifty first minute but they got tangled up and Canberra's defence sealed the ball to safety.

Moments later, Nyskowski passed back to team mate Mike Milovanovic, there was no Adelaide player in sight and another attack was broken down.

Kent was also having problems with his passing on the left flank.

But then coach Raic Rasic made an important substitution. He brought on teenage midfielder Charley Villani and took off John Besir.

The crowd didn't like the substitution as Besir had been playing reasonably well.

In the 75th minute, Agenor Muniz split Canberra with a goalmouth pass and Villani was on the spot to rifle it past Steve Hosowski.

A minute later Canberra came within inches restoring its lead.

Callaghan hit a magnificent 35 metre cross to Mike Milovanovic, who pushed it past Marshall after he raced off his line but the ball trickled past the near post.

Six minutes later, Adelaide grabbed the winner.

Glen Dods, who had a quiet match, raced up the left wing, knifed a goal mouth cross to Brian Northcote who lashed the ball past Hosowski from 15 metres.

Adelaide swarmed all over Canberra to increase its lead but only a great Peter Marshall save prevented an equaliser.

Byrne rose majestically to power the ball towards goal but Marshall flung himself backwards to turn it over the bar.

And right on full time, Muniz whacked the ball high over the bar from 10 metres with an open goal staring at

Footscray lined up without Peter Dilorion, who was suspended because he had notched a maximum of penalty points, and Mendo Risticovski.

It is not clear whether Risticovski is in dispute with the club or injured.

The game opened briskly, with Zdravko Lujic creating trouble for Steve Perry — a situation which was to continue throughout the match. In one of his early raids, Lujic hit the side netting.

Then one of his good left-foot drives was turned over the bar by a fingertip save from goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

Brizbane City's tall striker Barry Kelso headed narrowly over the goal with the Footscray defence all at sea, as the game developed into an entertaining, end-to-end struggle with both teams creating some promising moves.

Footscray's breakthrough came in the 32nd minute. Andrija Ristic took a free kick on the right and the ball bounced in the penalty area before Zoran Ilioski spun around and crashed an unstoppable drive past the bewildered Wishart for his third goal in as many games.

With their tails up, the JUST players continued to press and were rewarded two minutes later when Dragan Vasiljevic, the penalty area specialist, poked the ball past Wishart to Joe Piccone to gleefully finish off the move.

JUST's more direct play and enthusiastic running, particularly from midfielders Ilioski, Piccone and Miro Ristic, enabled the Blues to continue dominating play.

Just before half time, however, a bad slip by Radoslav Jovicic, on the right wing allowed the ball to be crossed to Kelso, whose shot was saved desperately by Steve Potter.

Early in the second half Potter again fouled Kelso.

Then, in a tangle between Jovicic and Kevin Low, the latter was shown the yellow card.

Ilioski had a powerful shot turned past the post in the 54th minute and from the resultant corner, Jim Konkaris headed narrowly over the bar.

Play became scrappy but as Brisbane City's midfield became more prominent, the visitors managed to worry the Footscray defence.

City centre backs Potter and Ratcliffe started to advance further up the field but although J.U.S.T. had lost a great deal of its initiative, City was leaving itself open for counter-attacks.

This was obvious when Joe Palinkas ran clear and stroked the ball towards the open goal, only to see Wilkinson clear it for a corner.

Vasic missed with his kick right in front of goal and from an Ilioski corner, Konkaris headed past the post with the goal at his mercy.

In another Palinkas-inspired break Footscray had four attackers against two defenders. Palinkas unselfishly passed to Vasic who miskicked in a scoring position.

Much of Brisbane City's inability to danger man Low by Ristic.

It was a bad day for City but the team has many talented players and should recover quickly from the set-back of this loss.

It was a timely victory for Footscray J.U.S.T. and it proved once again that when they want, the Blues can match the best in the land. However, a lot more self-discipline and endeavour is required from each individual if they are to realise their full potential.

Kondorics, Ilioski and Lujic were the best in a good team effort by Footscray, while Potter, Ratcliffe and Gathway were

Brisbane Lions continue to hover perilously close to the bottom of the league after Heidelberg came and easily conquered with a 3-1 win.

In yet another forgettable match, which is helping to keep crowds in Brisbane down, Lions gave themselves no chance of continuing their two-match successes before the interruption of the Philips Cup, which seemed likely to help them draw clear of the danger zone.

Neither side set the world on fire. The passing from both was atrocious but Heidelberg deserved the points for taking what chances were on offer.

New Heidelberg coach, Manny Poulakakis, surprised by naming Jimmy Rooney on the bench but it made little difference, as Jim Campbell and Kenny Tait were able to make their presence felt for most of the match.

The Lions defence had some horrible moments and Bernie Fairbrother was the pick of the players, which rarely threatened danger.

Paul Laszlo continues to play with brains and he again was a virtual passenger.

Tony Brennan did not appear fully fit and was subsequently replaced by the new left half, Mark Paton, who was when he walked past three tacklers and unleashed a tremendous shot, which Yanka Benkovic brilliantly saved.

Lions could not have hoped for a better start, when Fairbrother put them in front only after six minutes.

Paul Untung passed through a good ball, which Bob Provan should have cleared and Fairbrother rounded him easily and hammered past Benovic.

But only two minutes later Heidelberg were back on level terms, with a good opportunist goal, which began with Taylor intercepting a Graham Wilson pass.

Taylor chipped left of the box, there was hesitation at the back and Cole headed through to lob over the advancing Len Lownds.

To be honest, Heidelberg did not finish the first half any better than Lions yet were able to go in with a 2-1 lead through an element of luck from virtually a nothing situation.

Branko Buljic motored down the left and with Col Bennett ready to tack back, he clipped into the goalmouth, the ball sliced off Bennett's outstretched leg and the hapless defender watched the ball spoon over Lownds, who was caught a little off his line.

Paton replaced Bozakis at half time and with his first touch of the ball he headed a chip into the goalmouth from right in front. Lions just missed the goal they really needed in the 48th minute. Fairbrother shot well, but Laszlo got in the way and Brennan, with another chance to capitalise, shot wide.

Heidelberg produced the better chances for the remainder of the half and it should have been 3-1 in the 56th minute when Cole and Paton played a neat one-two, for the latter to race away and have his shot squeezed for a corner by Wilson, who traded places with Lownds and dropped into the sweeping position.

Brennan's blistering shot raised Lions' hopes but then consistent full-back Arthur McKellan made a forceful burst down the right but found no one in support when he crossed. McKellan had an outstanding match before being carried off late with serious ligament trouble.

Cole missed his best chance for Heidelberg, as he was late to get to the ball and Paton broke away, confronted by only Bennett but Cole tried to go it alone and shot without conviction at Lownds.

The third Heidelberg goal eventually came eight minutes from fulltime, when Buljic rattled a long range free kick off Lownds' chest and Paton followed up to tap the goal chance in.

Lions again are faced with plenty of problems after the display, with again only Jim Hermiston, Bennett and Fairbrother producing the energy required

The neutral observer was treated to a spectacular game of seven goals, loads of incidents, lots of attacking football despite sloppy conditions and of course, a tremendous upset!

Sydney Olympic played many degrees worse than its opponent 1978 form to storm home after Sydney City had led for most of the game. It looked an easy win for City after Joe Watson scored the scoring in the 9th minute following a tremendous drive by Ian Sneddon. The ball rebounded off Watson who slammed it back into the net from some 18 metres.

Then City scored its second goal and it looked a safe bet that the match would take a predictable course and City would coast home to record maximum points. Following a superb counter-attacking move by Bruce Silvers then Bruce again, Watson chimed into the attack to score City's second goal.

With Campbell and Watson creating havoc up front, Bruce and Mullen backed at his attacking best joining in numerous raids and with Sumner busy in the defence, it seemed only a matter of how many goals the Silvers would win.

Olympic pulled one back in the 22nd minute after Clive Eaton had beaten the offside trap to run away from the City defence and into the advancing keeper Clarke.

City maintained its dominance but had to wait till the 60th minute before making it 3-1. Following a cross by Ian Sneddon, Watson dived to head home his third goal and give his side a glimpse of a three pointer.

But, it just wasn't to be.

With 64 minutes gone the referee Mr Melling, awarded Olympic a most controversial penalty and Alan Anisic converted. The game took a sudden turn and from that moment on Olympic took command. Inspired by Jennings and Raskopoulos, the two stars of Rudj Gutendorf's youth brigade, Olympic found a new source of energy to completely outplay the Sydney City side, which lost its rhythm and composure.

Derek Laing scored the best goal of the game in the 68th minute to make it all even. With Todd Clark some 20 metres away, Laing dispossessed Ian Sneddon before slamming a tremendous shot past the City goalkeeper.

Spurred on by his fans, Olympic went all out to score that vital winning goal and with seven minutes to go it was Jennings who put them ahead with a brilliant goal to make it 4-3.

Jennings, the best Olympic player on the day, was certainly my pick as the best player on the pitch, despite a great hit on the head and showed just how much he has improved since coming to Sydney Olympic.

Ian Rowden got his marching orders from the referee in the last minute of the game following a foul on Campbell. It appeared that Campbell had Rowden beaten with a brilliant dribble but the young defender headed the City forward from behind and Melling had no hesitation in showing Rowden the red card.

What of Sydney City?

After leading 2-0 and 3-1 they had the game won and have only themselves to blame for letting this one out of the bag.

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APIA edged out St George 2-1 in an encounter marked by changing fortunes.

All three goals were scored during a hectic first half.

APIA should have gone to the lead in the second minute but Ken Reed headed the ball over the bar from only two metres out.

Four minutes later Australian goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse made a spectacular save at the feet of Stefan Matic when St George launched a spirited attack on the APIA goalmouth.

In the 15th minute, St George went to the lead with a copybook goal when Peter Hensman burst down the right flank and his long accurate cross was headed into the back of the net by Matic.

Nine minutes later, APIA replied with an equally spectacular goal.

Rosario Rampanti cut out four St George defenders with a delicate 25-metre chip and Terry Butler moved quickly into the space to net the ball over the advancing St George goalkeeper, Martin Cole.

Five minutes before the interval, Coe turned a close range shot from Elwyn Roberts round the post but 60 seconds later he was picking the ball out of the net.

Butler collected the ball during loose play and from 30 metres, rammed it into the top corner of the net to put APIA into the lead.

St George were forced to take risks in defence after the interval as they pushed extra men forward in a desperate endeavour to gain the equaliser.

In the 52nd minute Hensman missed a golden opportunity when he headed over the bar from directly in front.

Only minutes later, Butler missed two good chances to make the game secure for APIA and then St George took over for the remaining 15 minutes.

However, they could not penetrate the rock-like defence of Peter Wilson and Jim Dempsey who repulsed many attacking bursts.

Stefan Matic



Ian Rowden — sent

Stefan Matic

'CO-OPERATE OR I'LL STOP!' RUDI

By BRUCE WADDELL

National coach Rudi Gutendorf has threatened to suspend all preparatory trial games until he was guaranteed more co-operation from clubs, players and in some cases State Federation officials.

A dejected Gutendorf was speaking after the Queensland side had played a one-sided scoreless draw with the National squad at Brisbane's Perry Park.

Gutendorf was referring to the situation where five players originally chosen to come to Brisbane had withdrawn virtually at the last minute.

They were Martyn Crook and John Kosmina (West Adelaide), Jim Tansley (Heidelberg), Peter Sharpe (Marconi) and Phil O'Connor (St George).

Gutendorf said he was embarrassed by the performance produced by the national squad.

"This team was thrown together at the last minute, and

really surprised under the conditions, that the Queensland backline of Steve Perry, Jim Hermiston, Col Bennett and George Potter had played with such composure.

"They have played together several times now. Their understanding is first class, and because of this they were under no pressure, being in full command for most of the match."

The players nominated by Gutendorf as man of the match was Hermiston, who showed what class football is all about.

"He is just the player I am looking for, and if available would be the captain of my National team," he said.

Others nominated by Gutendorf were midfielders Larry Gaffney and Phil Thompson, the latter having now played two outstanding matches for Queensland within a week. Gutendorf made enquiries after the game to see if Thompson was eligible for national selection.

Gutendorf said the match again highlighted the "soccer sickness" in Australia.

Queensland should have won four or five nil with their dominance, but could not convert their superiority into goals.

The State side was unlucky in that Brennan, the player who could well have pounced on numerous second half openings, went off injured in the 58th minute.

His substitute was Ipswich youngster Bryan Kathage, a very inexperienced player who could not do a thing right and always ended up as the last link in some good creative football.

The irony of the game was that two outstanding chances Brennan had in the first half were brilliantly saved by Queensland's Nigel Lownds, who was playing for the national squad.

Very few national squad players did anything worthwhile, although Tony Henderson made some penetrating midfield runs in

the second half, when he didn't have to worry about policing Brennan.

Essendon's Tommy Cumming was apparently told to hug the touchline and consequently saw little of the ball, and the other front runner, Mark Jankovics, was always well contained by Hermiston and Potter, who on the night had outstanding matches.

Queensland almost scored in the 15th minute when Potter overlapped Kathage (who had replaced speedster Millman early) nodded down and a blistering shot was deflected by Lownds.

Only minutes later, Steve Dolan split the Australian defence and served Brennan, whose shot was cleared, only for Perry to thump it back into the middle. Kelso forged past a couple of tackles and found Potter, whose powerful shot again was well saved by Lownds.

Queensland continued to find openings. Dolan shot just wide, Hermiston, ever sweeping forward, shot over the top and Kelso

QUEENSLAND 0 AUSTRALIAN X1 0 at Perry Park, Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND — Scanlan 7, Perry 8, Hermiston 9, Bennett 9, Potter 9, Dolan 7, Thompson 8, Gaffney 7, Brennan 8, (Wilkinson 58th), Kelso 6, Millan (Kathage 6, 14th).

AUSTRALIA — Lownds 8, Degney 7, Baxter 6, Prskalo 7, Niven 7, Henderson 7, Byrne 6 (Coyne 70th), Boyle 6 (Hunter 63rd), Coyne 6 (J.O'Shea 7, 46th), Jankovics 6, Cumming 5.

laid on a great pass for Perry, before he was halted by a last-ditch Niven tackle.

Baxter and Prskalo worked overtime repelling Queensland's non-stop raids, and in the first half the national side had only two reasonable worthwhile chances.

Niven fed Boyle from the left and Hermiston headed the cross out for a corner and Jankovics sneaked in onto a Henderson cross but headed over the bar.

Apart from those runs from Henderson, the second half again was mostly one-way traffic. One one occasion, Kathage intercepted and raced clear, slipped the ball forward to the edge of the box, but Kelso and Brennan, in their haste to pounce, finished up colliding with one another.

John Coyne had two spells in different shirts and young Socorro Ian Hunter was brought in as a substitute.

The increasing emphasis on the development and use of Australian-born players has put the quality of coaching into the spotlight. This article explores coaching in Australia.

Senior coaches do know the basics

Coaching and coaches are playing an increasingly important role in all modern sport, particularly soccer.

When Eric Worthington, director of coaching, got the national coaching scheme under way five years ago he said 10,000 coaches would have gained a coaching badge by the end of this year.

Problems which beset the scheme in its early days have put him behind target.

He expects to have 6,000 certificated coaches by the end of the year.

ASF president, Sir Arthur George, revealed recently that there are 318,000 boys playing soccer in this country.

The 6,000 coaches qualified since 1975, each taking a 12 boy squad would be able to handle 72,000 boys.

This leaves 246,000 boys. If one is charitable and assumes that 46,000 of these boys are being coached by previously qualified coaches, that still leaves 200,000 of our juniors in the hands of unqualified and probably un-

knowledgeable coaches.

Many of these will be fathers forced into the position because no one else would do the job.

The effect of this undesirable situation is the devastating lack of skill witnessed on junior soccer fields all over the country.

It all starts with the full length games of 'kick and chase' from age six.

This is carried through until the boys are men and in most cases they still cannot control a ball or pass it properly.

I suspect he is talking about the ability to teach individual skill and group skill.

I agree with him that many

of our senior coaches are not able to do this very well, on the other hand our part time set up does not encourage work on the development of individual and group skill.

Additionally teaching skills is only part of a coach's role.

Here is what I consider are the basics of coaching:

- ★ development of individual and group skill.

- ★ ability to select correct teams (which means being able to know who can play, and where they can play).

- ★ develop team style
- ★ set match tactics
- ★ development of physical fitness

- ★ individual and group motivation.

The first of these criteria is worked on under our national coaching scheme.

From time to time there are short courses on physical fitness.

The other coaching basics are little touched upon.

This also applies in the UK, where the coaching emphasis is on individual and group skill.

Even in Europe where the formal development of a coach is far more thorough and long lasting, much is still left to the individual coach.

To increase my ability in such things as the development of team style, match tactics, and motivation I rely on my own experience.

various readings of coaching manuals and trips overseas to meet with top coaches such as Jock Stein, Jack Charlton and Germany's Haimes Weisweiler.

Many of our top coaches do this.

Rale Basic, Raul Blanco, Gerry Chaldi, are just three who were overseas last close season.

There are other pressures, aside from a lack of basic skills which are causing the



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huge turnover of senior coaches.

In the Philips League are clubs previously perennially used to being at the top.

Consequently any coach with his team outside the top four is in dire danger of losing his job.

The mentality is also now seeping its way through into the various State Leagues.

Arncliffe Scots in the NSW State league is now on its third coach this season.

Its initial coach, Kaz Kulak, is qualified and experienced, but this season was unsuccessful, so he went.

So far in Philips League, St George has had five coaches, West Adelaide five, Heidelberg five, South Melbourne and Brisbane Lions four each, Brisbane City and Sydney Olympic five each, Adelaide City three.

Only Newcastle and Sydney City have not changed their coach.

Take the case of one of these coaches, Dave McLaren.

McLaren just four years ago was a champion as he took Sydney Hakoah to two premier ship successes.

Now he is a failure, in the minds of many who now see South Melbourne winning games under Duncan Mackay.

McLaren experienced all of the pressures which now make a coach's position so unstable in Australia:

- ★ Player power — where key players undermine the coach's authority.

- ★ spectator power — where spectators, sometimes organised by outsiders, harass and criticise the coach.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

This is the Second Division team of Fitzroy United Alexander. Because of a Metropolitan League ban on so-called "ethnic names", it can be called only Fitzroy United.

However, that's no longer the club's name, despite what you see on the official league ladders and on the Pools coupons. The club is now called Heidelberg United Alexander, but of course, it can't use the name Alexander in the Metropolitan League — or in the Philips League for that matter. It's a wonder that amid all the confusion the supporters still know what's what. They still prefer to call their teams Alexander. Just as well, otherwise you'd have half

the terraces yelling: "Hei-del-berg" and the other half screaming "Fitz-roy", with perhaps the occasional "U-nited" thrown in.

Anyway, new coach, Joe Szabo has done an excellent job in the Second Division team, which is among the leaders on the ladder. Szabo is the former Melbourne-Hungaria and State star who later played for Kellor-Austria.

The team, pictured in, standing from left: J. Shomes, C. Yankos, J. Hourmouzis, S. Karajonov, J. Sahinidis, J. Aitsinis, J. Szabo (coach). Front: J. Stavridis, J. Itoyo, C. Moulas, G. Ganas, J. Kyriakidis, S. Talidis. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS.



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AT YOUR NEWSAGENCY —

Heywood shakes off Avala

NSW State League

A 62nd minute goal by second half replacement Ian Heywood gave Monaro the vital break against Avala and the Queenbeyan side swept to a 4-2 win at Bruce Stadium.

Until Heywood's goal Avala threatened to take command after fighting back from two goals down to level at 2-2.

Monaro's tremendous striking power was the difference between the two teams. And it was danger man Sebastian Giampaolo who gave Monaro the lead after just four minutes with a fine opportunist goal.

When Avala's half back Mark Barton tried to act as a second goalkeeper in the 21st minute, his handling offence led to a penalty which Monaro's Walter Valeri converted.

Two minutes from the break, slack defence allowed Avala's striker Barry Young to burst through and Zoran Djuric cracked home Young's pass.

Nine minutes after the turn-around it was Djuric whose goal enabled his side to level at 2-2.

Then came the Heywood goal to break the deadlock.

In the 77th minute Giampaolo put the issue beyond doubt with the best goal of the game, rounding three Avala defenders before finding the net.

A superb Kur-Ring-Gai team effort held Croatia to a 2-2 draw in their match at Parklands Oval.

With Croatia leading 1-0 at half-time through a penalty goal by captain Atti Abonyi in the 40th minute, it appeared to have the match in hand.

However, in a 10 minute spree Kur-Ring-Gai snatched back the lead with two goals.

For a time the Croatian defence collapsed with Graham Firrell and Bob Taylor scoring easy goals in the 56th and 63rd minute.

But Croatia's winger, Maurice Sullivan headed in the equaliser with ten minutes to go to regain some of his team's morale.

Auburn beat a lethargic Manly 2-0 at Mona Park.

Manly managed to get the ball into the net twice but both were disallowed because of infringements.

Auburn went ahead in the 20th minute when Gary Fairclough headed in after the Manly keeper failed to hold.

Auburn again opened up in the 67th minute when Steve Montgomery scored from eight metres following a strong midfield run by his skipper John Macdonald.

They almost scored a third goal in the last two minutes when Vic Junchiewicz hit the Manly cross bar.

New signing for Auburn, Horatio Ruiz, proved his worth by continually worrying the Manly defence with his accurate crosses from the left.

Two goals master-

mind by Sutherland's midfielder John Stoddart in the first half were enough to beat Bankstown 2-0 at the Soccer Centre.

In the 19th minute Stoddart centred a high ball into the penalty area where a mixup in Bankstown's defence enabled Peter Beggs to score.

The second goal came in the 43rd minute when he sent a low cross into the goal mouth.

The ball dipped, Bankstown keeper Terry Greedy failed to hold it and Craig Hall had the simplest of jobs to push the ball into the empty net.

A goal against the run of play of Ricky Hormazabal put Toongabbie on the road to victory against Parramatta City at Garraide Park.

Toongabbie won 3-1 after being level at half time.

Parramatta started on top, missing two easy chances in the opening minutes when Bruce Walton and then Graham Barker hit the woodwork.

However, it was Toongabbie who opened the score in the 10th minute when Alan Fisher netted with a hard drive from 12 metres.

Billy Fraser equalised for Parramatta in the 32nd minute with a penalty goal after a foul.

Parramatta played the last

KARINGAI 2 (Firrell, Taylor) CROATIA 2 Abonyi pen., Sullivan).

AUBURN 2 (Fairclough, Montgomery) MANLY 0.

SUTHERLAND 2 (Beggs, Hall) BANKSTOWN 0.

TOONGABBIE 3 (Hormazabal, Fisher, Harding pen) PARRAMATTA 1 (Fraser).

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS 2 (Tracey, Sidey) MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 1 (Brown).

INTER MONARO 4 (Giampaolo 2, Valeri pen., Heywood) AVALA 2 (Djuric 2).

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Sutherland	5	3	3	24	14	13
Melita Eagles	4	5	1	16	9	13
Toongabbie	4	4	3	20	19	12
Avala	5	1	5	15	19	11
M'ville Olympic	4	2	5	18	18	10
Kuringai	2	6	3	13	19	10
Parramatta	5	0	6	12	22	10
Bankstown	3	3	5	12	14	9
Auburn	3	3	5	21	24	9
Manly	3	2	6	11	16	8
Arncliffe	2	3	6	9	19	7
Yugal	2	2	6	11	17	6

Top scorers:

14 Valeri (IM).

10 Hall (Suth).

9 Abonyi (Cr).

8 Fisher (Toon).

7 Allan (ME), Montgomery (Aub), Beggs (Suth).

6 Savor (Cr), Daley (Bank).

5 Ramisch, Brown (OI), Jack (Manly), Kovacic (Cr), Firrell (KRG).

4 T. Morsello (IM), R. Furrugia (ME), Stoddart (Suth), Sullivan (Cr), Goose (AS), J. Morsello (Y), Patterson (Av), Harding (Toon), Giampaolo (IM).

30 minutes of the game with 10 men when fullback Robert Bigland was sent off by referee Brian Fowler.

After Hormazabal's goal, Toongabbie took control of the game and right on full time they were awarded a

penalty from which Dave Harding scored.

Superior in the slippery conditions, Arncliffe

Scots scored a shock 2-1 win over Marrickville at Hurstville Oval.

CLOUGH TO TACKLE BOCA JUNIORS?

European champion Nottingham Forest may play Boca Juniors of Argentina for the World club championship.

Asked whether he would like to compete against Boca Juniors, the Forest manager Brian Clough said:

"We would like to if invited, but I'm not keen on playing two legs during the season. I would prefer to play at Wembley in November."

But the World Club trophy will not dominate the thoughts of the Forest players in the next few weeks. They want to relax after the European conquest.

"It was a hard match, harder than I expected," Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor said. "You had to take into account that we had a very hard season and had many matches to play during the last month. Consequently, the players were both mentally and

physically shattered. We had injury problems, too."

But the hard work was appreciated. Several thousand Nottingham Forest fans thronged the East Midlands Airport as the team returned home.

The cheering, jubilant fans left their idols in no doubt that "Forest Rules" following their 1-0 win over Sweden's Malmoe in Munich.

Balconies at the arrival terminal

were packed with supporters long before the team arrived.

Some climbed on to the terminal roof and were ordered down by Police.

A guard rail on which about a dozen youths were standing collapsed just as the team's plane touched down but no-one was hurt.

Forest assistant-manager Peter Taylor emerged from the aircraft holding high the European Cup.

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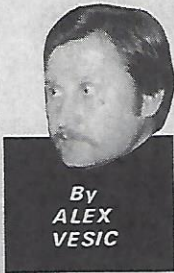
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I will stick my neck out and tip Marconi to be league champion of 1979, despite some topsy-turvy results early in the year.

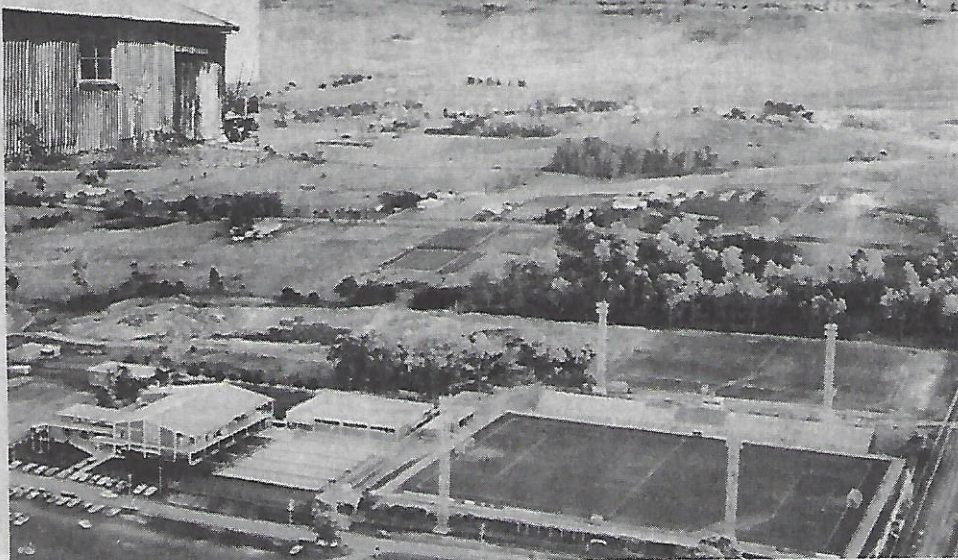
Brilliant one week, average the following, was a start that most Marconi supporters didn't greet so enthusiastically. Beaten by Canberra in the first round, and by Brisbane Lions in the second, Marconi did not look like being in the chase for honours, but the club came back with a vengeance.

Sydney City, certainly Marconi's greatest foe in the title race, suffered at the hands of the Fairfield club to give Les Scheinflug his first glimpse of success in '79 and the first three-pointer of the season.

Four wins and three draws followed in the great revival that saw the team leap to top spot with 16 points. South Melbourne was beaten 6-0, while last year's league champion West Adelaide, was also crushed by Marconi in front of its home crowd.

The pattern is slightly different to that of the previous years but the two at the top are still Marconi and Sydney City.

This time, I feel Marconi will have an edge on its local rival.



Nothing illustrates Marconi's rapid progress more clearly than a comparison between the club's present home and the old tin shed (insert) in Trivett Street, Horsley Park, where the club's first general meeting was held on September 9, 1957.

Mighty Marconi: this time they'll do it

At the back, one couldn't wish for a better pair of hands than those of Allan Maher. "Spider" is in great form this season and was certainly a strange omission from the Australian squad.

Marconi's back line has conceded 13 goals so far and that, you might say, is not such a good record. Well, if you have to score 27 goals in order to concede 13 it's not such a bad record at all, and Marconi did score 27, which is six more than the nearest rival. At the same time the rivals have conceded just as many or one or two goals less.

With Brogan, Russell, Prskalo and Degney, the back line has a lot of speed and skill and, most important, has that essence of understanding. The four players have been together for a couple of seasons and that is sufficient to create much-needed cohesion when the pressure is on.

Henderson-Vieri-Byrne is by far the most attractive midfield line-up in the PSL and certainly the most creative so far in this year's competition.

Janovic, Krncevic and Shame must be the fastest and the most dangerous trio in the League.

With Bertie Mariani, Ken Lindsay, Stewart Selva, Domingo Lelamo, Barry Jones and Mike Barry waiting for a chance to jump into the first 11, Marconi certainly has the depth necessary to keep up the momentum and continue to press for the top spot.

But, what about last year, you may ask.

Marconi led by six points and looked certain to carry the title. With Byrne, Rooney and Vieri supporting a very fast attacking trio of Mariani, Jankovic and Shame, Marconi looked odds on to do it easily.

Alas, things never go as planned if the spirit of the team is shaken. And that is exactly what happened. With Gary Byrne's departure for Germany, the midfield certainly lost its dynamo and the all-important combination between attack and defence was to a certain extent, lost. Richards was brought in, but with his fitness in doubt and with injury to Mark Jankovic, a further loss was incurred. The rift between Richards and Rasic certainly didn't help things and the ship started to sink.

It was a most tragic period for Marconi and at one stage it

looked as if the club was going to lose its place in the top four. Still, there was enough class among the players to regain some composure towards the end of the competition to keep them among the leaders.

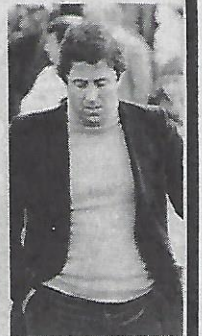
They managed to reach the grand final, but slumped badly again only to indicate that the scars had not yet healed.

This year, Marconi acquired two of the most sought-after players in Australia. Tony Henderson, one of the finest players in the League and a member of last year's Canberra City team was snapped up under the noses of many clubs vying for his services.

Eddie Krncevic, a member of the successful Essendon Croatia team from Melbourne, was also the most dangerous forward of the under 19, national team in its quest for a place in Japan for the World youth tournament.

Eddie will prove to be the best buy for Marconi. Tall, fast, skilful and a powerful hitter of the ball with both feet, he can be used successfully in midfield or in attack.

With the return of Gary Byrne, the team was further strengthened and the results are clearly showing the class of the Fairfield team.



Tony Labbozzetta

Man at the top

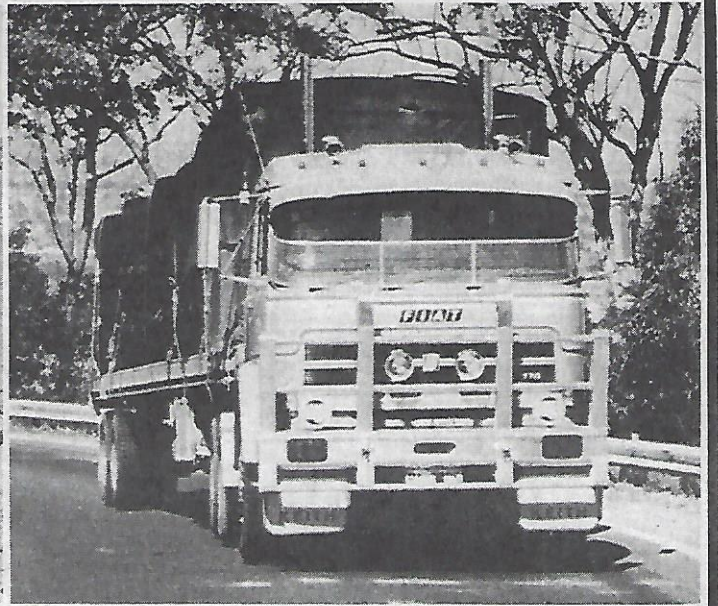
Marconi's soccer chairman Tony Labbozzetta has given nine years of dedicated service aimed at lifting Marconi to the top in Australian soccer.

Labbozzetta, Marconi's soccer chairman, joined the club when it was promoted in 1969.

He has been soccer chairman for three years and a director of the social club for four years.

If there is one man the club has to thank for its soccer success, it is Labbozzetta.

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MICHELINI NAMED CLUB AFTER A GREAT ITALIAN



Marconi's coach and former player, Les Scheinflug.



Legendary forward Johnny Giacometti — played for Marconi after leaving APIA.

Oscar Michelini, a patriotic Italian, is the man responsible for the christening of Marconi in 1956.

Michelini, a founder member of the club, moved at the first general meeting that the club be named after Guglielmo Marconi, the famous Italian who invented the wireless.

The motion was quickly accepted by those at the meeting. The link with the famous inventor is still strong today, and the Marconi emblem displays a radio tower.

The name was confirmed on November 28, 1957. In the minutes of the meeting held in a small shed on a vacant piece of land in Trivett St, Horsley Park it was noted: "Moved by Mr. Michelini and seconded by Mr. Fiorelli, that the name of the club — Club Marconi of Bosley Park Social Recreation and Sporting Centre Limited — be confirmed and that the name be the official name of the club all the time."

Oscar Michelini was also the man who headed the building sub-committee, which was responsible for supervising the construction of the first part of the building at a cost of \$120,000. Other members of the committee were Mr. C. Crestani, F. Zadro and Provino Sartor. It is interesting to note that Mr. Oscar Michelini was also Godfather to one of the young stars of Marconi, Bertie Mariani.

From a small and almost insignificant looking building, the shed rose into a magnificent edifice after an extension was carried out in the sixties. The new section of the club was opened on November 24, 1962.

Land surrounding the club was also bought, extending the club's ownership to more than 22 acres of land.

Some years later, Marconi Club succeeded with an application to the municipal council to change the name of Middle Rd. to Marconi Road.

Only two years after the official opening of the club, a youth soccer team was formed. The first president was Felice Zadro, while the other promoters of the idea included Lorenzo Sartoretto, Luciano Morassut, Giuseppe Cessario, Angelo Cattarin and Dennis Munari.

In 1961, Antonio Fornasier became president of the youth club and also took the position of representative of Marconi soccer club in the Southern Districts Soccer Association. Armando Del Caro was the first coach of the side the same year and was largely responsible for the success of the team.

With Del Caro still in charge, Marconi became a member of the NSW Soccer Federation, leaving a team of juniors to represent Marconi in the Southern Districts Soccer Association.

Its first season in the NSWFF was highly successful. Marconi won the first Division amateur championship by eight points. It won also the Amateur Cup, beating none other than Sydney-Austral at Wentworth Park in front of 15,000 spectators!

The following year, Marconi appointed a new coach, Mario Danieli. The team managed to stay in the Second Division, surviving a drop into the amateur ranks. Marconi managed to win the Coni Cup beating APIA reserves 2:0 at Marconi Oval.

Tiko Jelisavcic, the highly successful Yugoslav player, came to coach Marconi in 1965, but could not save Marconi from dropping back to amateur

rank. In 1966, the coaching position changed again, but this time Joe Vasvary managed to bring the team back into the NSW-SF Second Division.

In 1967, Marconi soccer club became an independent body, completely detached from the Social Club taking the name of Marconi Southern Districts Soccer Football Club. The first president was Mr. Joe Morizzi, while Luciano, Marson became the first vice-president.

The club continued its good form and Mr. Vasvary was signed to continue as coach for another season. Fifth place in the competition was the club's most successful achievement in the Second Division.

Les Scheinflug decided to quit Prague and move to Marconi in 1969, certainly a move that started a new era at Bosley Park. Marconi won the Second Division championship (1970) and became a member of the First Division of the NSW-SF championships.

In 1972, under the coaching of Rale Rasic, Marconi won the challenge trophy against a star-studded St George-Budapest, to give Rasic his first success with the new club.

The following year, Rale Rasic managed to carry off the first major success for Marconi. In one of the most entertaining grand finals, Marconi defeated Hakoah to carry off the premiership trophy.

In the following three years, Marconi was always among the leaders, but had to battle with such giants of soccer as St George, Hakoah and APIA.

This proved a tall order for the Marconi team despite the presence of talented players as well as some of the most experienced men in soccer.

Among the most notable players of the era were:

Les Scheinflug (Prague, NSW, Australia), Johnny Giacometti (APIA), John Roche (Australia), Alfredo Moschen (Palermo, Lazio), George Kinnell (Sunderland, Juventus Melbourne, Western Suburbs), Alan Griffiths (Sutherland), Peter Wilson and Max Tolson (South Coast and Australia).

In 1977, the club entered the Phillips League, the first national soccer competition in this country, and finished second on goal difference to Sydney-based Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs.

Rale Rasic, the coach of the very successful side in 1977, must still be having nightmares that terrible day when Marconi was beaten in the first round by Adelaide Juventus 4:0. Marconi couldn't

turn the tables on Adelaide City in a return match in Adelaide, while Hakoah managed to beat City twice that year.

So despite its great win over Hakoah (4:2) and a drawn game in their second encounter, Marconi couldn't match the goal difference missing out by four goals to win the top spot. Those FOUR TERRIBLE GOALS....

In the Phillips Cup, Marconi ousted the champions Eastern-Suburbs-Hakoah in the first round, showing once again its superiority over the team from Bondi. Marconi followed with a great win over Canberra City (5:1), then a memorable 3:2 win over Fitzroy in Melbourne despite two setbacks during the game.

In the final, Marconi had to travel to Brisbane to play Brisbane City. The game finished 1:1 and went into extra time. After the game was drawn, penalties were taken and the Brisbane team proved more successful. It was a sad end for the team that was twice successful against Brisbane City in the championship, winning 1:0 on both occasions!

The following year, Marconi bowed out in the first round of the Phillips Cup and the penalties were the cause of departure again! Beaten by the strongest NSW State League team, Croatia, Marconi now had only one goal — winning the Phillips League.

Halfway through the championship, Marconi was miles in front of the second-placed team, and I am sure no one doubted the ability of Marconi to stay at the top but it was not to be the year.

Six points in front after 12 rounds, Marconi experienced the worst slump in its existence to finish fourth. In the top four competition Marconi was soundly beaten by Easts-Hakoah in the Grand Final to finish off a bitter season for the Fairfield team.

This year, Marconi was bundled out of the Phillips Cup by another State League team, Melita Eagles. But proceedings in the national league indicate a prosperous season. One point in front at almost the halfway mark, Marconi is showing a new stride, powerful, skilful and durable. It is doubtful that many teams will keep pace with Marconi.

With as many as eight possible players for the Australian national team, it is little wonder that the Sydney southerners are leading the competition with an average of almost three goals a game.

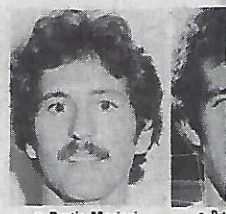
With that kind of appetite for goals and one of the most exciting lineups ever to wear the sky blue strip, Marconi is set to demolish all before them and bring the long-awaited title to Bosley Park. — ALEX VESIC



ALLAN MAHER: Allan is a goalkeeper with exceptional abilities. Represented Australia on numerous occasions and was a member of the Australia's 1974 World Cup squad. Maher, widely known as "Spider", joined Marconi from Western Suburbs in 1975. Previous clubs: North Rocks Juniors, Sutherland, Granville and Wests. At 28, Maher is reaching the peak of his goalkeeping career, but will take some years before being replaced between the sticks at Marconi. His height, reflexes and anticipation are excellent. His range of operation inside the area is limited and if there is a need for some improvement, I am sure it is greater involvement inside the penalty area. With his height and the now famous "Spider" reach, he could become the undisputed goalkeeper No 1 of Australia.

Marconi, 1979, standing: Mark Jankovic, Paul D'Amato, Ivo Prskalo.

Meet



• Bertie Mariani

lected for an Australian XI. At 28, John is reaching the best years of his soccer career and should further boost his chances of representative selection.

IVO PRSKALO: Ivo was born in Yugoslavia and played most of his football with Velez Mostar, a First Division side. He played 380 games for Velez before coming to Marconi to continue his career. Regarded by many as the best sweeper in the Phillips League, Prskalo is an intelligent player, and certainly a class performer and model professional.

Ivo has already gained selection in the NSW side and has shown far more mobility at the age of 31 than many youngsters chosen in the same team.

TONY HENDERSON: Although only 24, Tony has already earned the tag of "Australia's Beck-



The team that upgraded Marconi to First Division by winning the Second Division Championship season with Les Scheinflug (standing, third from left).

**Marconi is Magic
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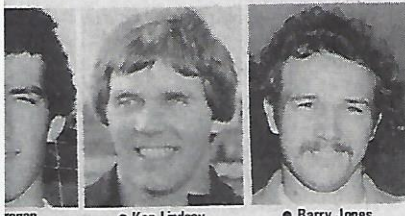
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From left: Eddie Krncevic, Tony Henderson, Gary, John Russell. Front: Peter Sharne, Rob, Gary Byrne, Allan Maher, Mike Berry

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PAUL DEGNEY: Born in Sydney February 4, 1953, 'Deggers' represents the youth brigade of Australian born talent that has already ven its worth in national selected, Paul Degney is developing o a modern fullback, who will ve a great asset to the Australian m. Raised in the junior ranks of aliffe, 'Deggers' has also played Sutherland and St George. Came



Federation Soccer in the 1969 - 1970 (left) as coach.

to Marconi at the age of 18 and is in his eighth year as a Marconi player.

GARY BYRNE: Gary has represented Australia 24 times and is the product of the Marconi youth team. Started his football in the Southern Districts and came to Marconi at the age of 16. With the exception of some 12 months absence during his visit to Europe, Gary is another long serving member of the Marconi team with eight years' service behind him. Fast, skilful and tireless, Byrne is yet to show his best with Marconi and the national team.

ROBERTO VIERI: Born in Prato, Italy, on February 14, 1946, Roberto has travelled a lot during his football career. He started with Prato at the age of 15, then moved to Fiorentina at the age of 18. Sampdoria, Juventus, Roma and Bologna followed before the star came to Marconi. He was also in Italy's World Cup squad in 1970. At the age of 33, Vieri still shows the class that made him one of Italy's best. Undoubtedly the smartest, most skilful and most experienced player in Australia, Vieri is not only a true professional footballer, but a crowd pleaser.

BERTIE MARIANI: Born in Sydney on May 19, 1956, Bertie Mariani is yet another player in the long line of local products to make the top grade. He came to the fore for the first time in that memorable Australia vs Santos game. Playing exceptionally well, Bertie scored two goals and earned accolades from the world's best, none other than Pele. He played for the Southern Districts Under 14, 15 and 16 before coming to Marconi in 1972. Exceptionally good in the air, Mariani could be used as a striker as well as a defender.

PETER SHARNE: Born in Sydney on March 22, 1956, Peter played for Lansvale Juniors, Liverpool City and represented Southern Districts before coming to Marconi in 1973. The fastest player in Australia and the most exciting young prospect

for the qualifying series for Spain. Sharne has already won selection in the Australian team and looks odds on to retain his place in the team for many moons. Quietly spoken, Sharne gives the impression that his ambition is fulfilled and that playing for Marconi alone is his ultimate goal. However, to watch the young man run around fullbacks in the Phillips League, one easily gets the impression that his potential as well as his ambitions, are not fulfilled.

EDDIE KRNCVIC: Eddie is the newest acquisition to the Marconi team. This incredible boy, although never having played in a Phillips League side, promises to be the player of the future. A few of his credentials read as follows: Eddie is 19 years old, 109.5cm tall and is extremely agile, records 100 metres in 11.5 secs, scores goals constantly and is an U19 Youth International. What more needs to be said about this incredible player?

MARK JANKOVICS: Born in Sydney on April 5, 1956, Mark is the most skilful young centre forward came through the ranks of Dundas, Granville and Yugal, before going to St George. Marconi obtained his services for the 1978 Phillips League season and he soon proved to be a most valuable buy. The 'Glamor Boy' of Marconi loves to score goals and is another certain starter with Rudi's Australian national team. He leads the goal scoring brigade in the Phillips League and looks certain to stay there at the end of the season.

KEN LINDSAY: Ken is a mid-fielder, recently obtained from APIA. He has not featured in many games during this season but is certain to put a strong claim for one of the midfield positions. At 28, Ken is a seasoned campaigner who could be used in any position (except goalkeeper) in this Marconi team.

MIKE BERRY: Mike is a defender and midfielder, who arrived in Australia in 1977 with a big reputation. He played for Southampton's first team on four occasions and played 64 times in the reserves. Mike certainly came to Australia with the necessary credentials for Phillips League, but his potential has not been realised with Western Suburbs and Avala, the two teams Mike was associated with. Subsequently he moved to Marconi and could prove a valuable asset. Age: 23.

DOMINGO IELAMO: Ielamo is a defender and could not have imagined the misfortune he was to experience in Australian football. His arrival in Australia in July, 1978 was marred with a first match injury, which unfortunately resulted in further injuries. Prior to coming to Australia, Domingo played for five years in Argentina with the First Division side Huracan. Age: 28.

GARY MARSDEN: Gary joined the Marconi Juniors in 1970. Prior to this he was for two years with a local team, Valley Eagles. In 1975, he was included in the NSW U16s representative side. In 1978 was loaned to Melita Eagles for one season. Now back at Marconi, Gary is determined to become one of the best goalkeepers of the PSL. Age: 20.

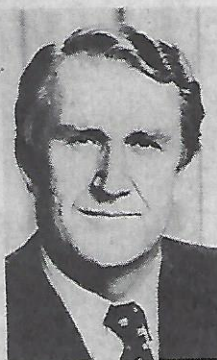
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The Honourable the Premier of New South Wales



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The Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Australia



Dear Mr. Fraboni,
I'm delighted to offer my warmest greetings to the Club Marconi on your 20th Anniversary.
Your Club is a great Australian institution.
I know that it has played an outstanding role in fostering friendship and understanding among new Australian citizens of many backgrounds.
I'm also pleased that amongst your members you have many native-born Australians.
As one of the finest achievements of Sydney's Italian community, your Club has developed into a genuine family recreation and entertainment centre.
By your activities and through the environment you are helping to create, you are assisting particularly the welfare and development of young people.
Thank you and I will always remember the wonderful evening we spent with your Club members last year.
Congratulations on this great occasion and my best wishes for the years ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Keating
Deputy Premier

Mr. Alexander Fraboni,
Secretary/Manager,
Club Marconi,
Marconi Road,
Bosley Park, N.S.W. 2116.

Prime Minister of New South Wales

MESSAGE FROM THE
HON. NEVILLE K. WRAN, M.P.,
PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES
TO THE MARCONI CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to the Marconi Club and all its members on its 20th Anniversary.

The Marconi Club has provided not only a sporting club, but a social and entertainment centre not only for the Italian community but for other ethnic groups as well during the past 20 years.

The Directors of the Club have every right to be proud of the magnificent facilities also provided for young people - including the Youth Centre and a Kindergarten and Playground.

While in financial terms, survival has been difficult for your Club, particularly during its early years, I believe it is to the credit of the Club you now have some 5,000 members and an annual turnover of around \$2 million.

I visited the Marconi Club last year and I was most impressed with the services and facilities it provides for its members.

Your Club is properly named after the man whose invention brought people all over the world closer together through radio communication and indeed communication with the community is an important aspect of the Club's work.

Again, I congratulate you and wish you all the best for a prosperous future.



Nation's leaders behind the club

Marconi has come off age. Last year the club celebrated its 20th anniversary. Many of the celebrated names of our country including prominent politicians, have visited Marconi over the years.

On the 20th birthday none of them forgot to congratulate the club on its achievements and wish it every success for the future.

Among them were, the Prime Minister Mr Fraser and the Premier of New South Wales, Mr. Wrان.

At left are the letters sent by them to Club Marconi.



Socceroo Col Curran, now of Newcastle KB Utd, played for Marconi in the early seventies.

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Fiatrucks provides a four-figure boost

Depending on income from the turnstiles is not the way to succeed financially in Philips League, and all the clubs participating know the fact only too well.

With backing of the Social Club Marconi certainly has an advantage over most of the league participants, but it is difficult to see how a social club could endure the pressure of having to fork out a large amount year after year.

The necessity for a sponsor was evident, and Marconi was certainly not short of offers.

FIATRUCKS of NSW, the Australian retail division of Fiat Automotive Industries, a fully owned subsidiary of the giant international group FIAT/VECO (Industrial Vehicles Corporation) and the world's second-largest manufacturer of heavy commercial vehicles, came up with a six-figure sum to sponsor the team over the next three years.

The joint announcement came at a club luncheon, just before the game between Marconi and South Melbourne.

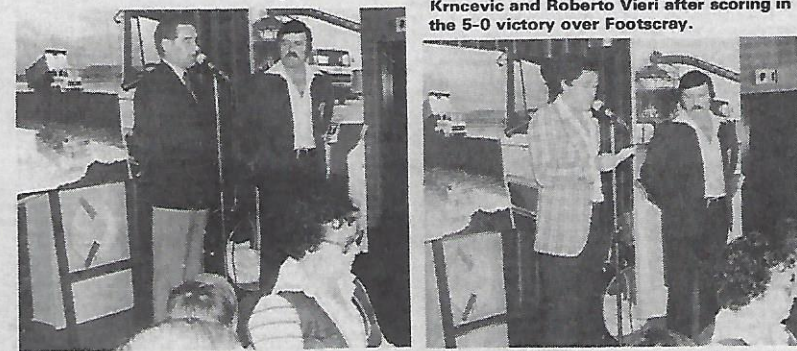
It was interesting to note that both organisations are in the midst of considerable expansion programmes, indicative of their forward-looking

MARCONI SCORES ON THE FIELD ...



AND OFF IT, TOO

Mark Jankovic (No. 9) is congratulated by from left: Tony Henderson, Eddie Krncevic and Roberto Vieri after scoring in the 5-0 victory over Footscray.



LEFT: Mr Giorgio Bucher, managing director of Fiatrucks, expresses his delight at the company's sponsorship of Marconi. RIGHT: Soccer chairman Tony Labbozzetta welcomes Fiatrucks involvement. At right in both pictures is Joe Morizzi.

policies and confidence in the future.

FIAT is carrying out substantial extensions to its Lidcombe plant. FIAT has enlarged the spread of its dealer network throughout NSW and indeed, the whole of Australia.

Substantial extensions of FIAT Automotive Industries Lidcombe plant are close to completion.

Club Marconi earlier this year embarked on a nine-month project for extending its building and facilities that will cost the best part of \$750,000. Naturally, Mar-

coni contributes financially to the up-grading but the main thrust of the expenditure concentrates on building the strongest possible team for the Philips League championship.

FIATRUCKS could not have come to the fore at a better time. Mr Angelo Bagatella, Club Marconi president, expressed deep appreciation for the generosity of Fiatrucks, while Tony Labbozzetta, the Soccer chairman of Club Marconi expressed his delight at the sponsorship with the following short address:

"Mr Bucher, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Club Marconi and thank you company, FIATRUCKS, such a great automotive giant, for its involvement in football and particularly Club Marconi.

"Quality is our watchword," said Mr Giorgio Bucher in reply to the speeches by Marconi representatives.

Mr Bucher saw some quality from Marconi that afternoon. South Melbourne got its biggest thrashing since the formation of the Philips League and was sent tumbling down to the bottom of the League ladder.

A Fiat 188L was sold in 1914 to the Fiat Australian representative Mr Garratt of

Sydney. In March the following year, it was shipped to its new owner, Ryan's transport of Brisbane, and for 26 years the lorry roamed the countryside of Australia until it was "pensioned off" in the late 1940s. Today, the same truck is still about, with Mr Reg Schuster of Koala Park, Burleigh Heads, the proud owner of the vehicle, which is 65 years old!

If this is an indication of quality and endurance of the FIATRUCKS, then it is only appropriate that the company's investment in football goes to the best and Marconi is certainly the best team to support.

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Grand final and an honor from Pele

Two high spots in Marconi's history, above: broad smiles all round after the team had won the 1973 NSW grand final against Hakoah and, right: a special presentation to Bertie Mariani (standing, left) and Rene Colusso (standing, right) who were chosen in 1971 by "King" Pele to go to Brazil for special coaching, as his guests. Between them in the picture is Angelo Bagatella, sports president of Marconi. Colusso, who later represented Australia, now plays in the Italian Third Division.



Soccer saved from 'dangerous' Press

By KYLE PATTERSON

Ground official Mr. Jim Dalgleish struck a blow for officialdom last Saturday when he had this writer kicked out of the Olympic Park change room area by the Police.

Mr. Dalgleish couldn't resist exercising his authority and having me evicted, and showing, if nothing else, that wearing blazers and ties with ALL the right badges is what matters at Olympic Park.

Dalgleish has done everything from alarm doors in my face to reporting me to the V.S.F. because in my job as a "Soccer Action" reporter I dared to step in his path.

The latest threat from the Olympic Park official is a ban preventing me from entering the dressing room area at any time.

But calling in the police was the last laugh. The pen may be mightier than the sword, but does that mean I'm a security risk?

He has often prevented me from effectively doing my job. I've been refused admittance to the dressing rooms before games when I've endeavored to get the official line-ups of teams, and also been kept on the outer after matches when a quick word with coaches, players and club officials can produce good news stories.

I can still do my job without entering the dressing room area, but in a way the clubs suffer. Publicity is essential for clubs, but if a reporter is prevented from doing his job, a club may miss out.

Mr. Dalgleish has always maintained that the clubs don't want me in the dressing room after a game. I disagree. My club playing at Olympic Park could tell Mr. Dalgleish they don't mind my presence and want to co-operate with the media. Then he may see the error of his ways.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reporter Patterson will continue to try to do his best work at Olympic Park, despite the opposition by the official in question. The matter is to be brought up at the next meeting of the Soccer Press Association which will take appropriate action.

ALBION 1 SUNSHINE CITY 1

Scorers: D'Sylva (Albion) 30th, Coyte (Sunshine) 38th.

Ground: Selwyn Park.

Referee: Colin Turfield.

ALBION: Johnson, McIntyre, Blair, Nisbet, Thompson, Stevens, Wark (capt), Stokes, D'Sylva, McCormack, McNeil.

SUNSHINE: Clarke, Dixey, Lowe, R. Nelson (capt), Howe, Laing, Russell (Esposito 87th), McRobert, D. Nelson, Coyte (Paisley 80th), Gilmore.

Selwyn Park was certainly no place for the match, and Sunshine forgot the off-field plans of amalgamation and got stuck into each for the two points at stake.

But although the hardness and keenness were there the only incident that could be called dirty was the off-the-ball clash between Gordon Stevens and Frank Russell which led to the latter needing stitches on a cut above the eye.

Sunshine ended the match with two casualties. Kieron Coyte also had to be replaced towards the end. His injury was sustained going in for a 50-50 ball.

Coyte was one of three changes made by coach Terry Walker due to injury and the previous week's poor showing against Essendon. The others were Jim McRobert and Stewart Gilmore.

McRobert's appearance was his first of the season after a long absence through injury. He took a midfield spot vacated by captain Robbie Nelson who partnered Nick Lowe in defence in place of Steve Ellis, out with a groin injury.

Albion also made changes, recalling reserves coach David Stokes in place of Hugh Stewart and giving fullback Joe

Thompson his first full game since joining from Green Gully.

Peter Clarke distinguished himself in the first half hour, cutting out a dangerous centre by D'Sylva and two good corners from Stokes.

But he did even better in the 32nd minute when he moved out to narrow the gap and spread himself to stop Dave McNeil who had burst through down the middle following a rare mistake by Blair.

Albion were leading 1-0 at the time and a goal then would have sealed the match but instead Sunshine were able to pick up the pieces and equalise only four minutes later through Coyte who won a challenge with keeper Johnson.

To lead home a throw-in conceded by McIntyre.

Albion's goal was scored on the half hour from a fine dash down the right wing by McIntyre. His cross was only partly headed out and Mick D'Sylva surprised at the gift, bundled it in off the far post.

D'Sylva was prominent throughout the match and Albion's chances stemmed from his involvement.

David Nelson was Sunshine's most hardworking forward but when he came anywhere near goal his finishing was way off target.

Albion dictated play for most of the second half but failed to turn their edge into goals.

In the end the home side had to settle for a draw. It was the third consecutive match in which Albion scored first then failed to hold on to the lead but coach Billy McArthur was pleased they had at least gained a point at the end of this one. — PETER DESIRA

GEO. CROSS 1 JUVENTUS 2

Scorers: Geo — Paparais 32nd

and C. Lucchesi 41st, J. Lucchesi 78th.

Ground: Olympic Park Crowd: est. 450.

Referee: Day 7.

Caution: Cutajar (G).

George Cross: Rice 6 — Cutajar 4, Maitland 5, Hooper 6, Barron 6 — Bormers 5, Castille 6, Mifield 5 injured (Mizzi 6, 43rd min), Wilson 5 — Paparais 7, Cowan 8.

Juventus: Reilly 7 — Sabidini 6, Della Rocca 5.5, Vaughan 5.5, Tarquinio 6 — Smith 6.5, C. Lucchesi 6, Barron 5, Bormers 5 (5 half time), Curcio 5 (J. Lucchesi 6 half time), McGuinness 7.5, Heery 9.

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John Bernard started the move with a good square pass to Castille. He lobbed the ball into the penalty area and after a heading duel between several players, the ball ran loose to Paparais who lashed it into the net past Jack Reilly.

George Cross was competing on even terms and was getting a degree of stability in defence when Juventus sneaked the equaliser. I say sneaked because it was an unforfeitable defensive blunder by John Bernard which allowed the goal.

Heery hit over a corner which went straight to Reilly on the edge of the goal. He had time to clear but strangely side-footed the ball back into the danger zone.

Claude Lucchesi pounced and whipped the ball into the back of the net. George Cross came out after half time with new-found confidence.

A lapse in the Juve defence left Paparais, who hit a vicious drive at goal. Jack Reilly responded with a brilliant save which could well have meant the difference between defeat and victory.

But Juventus soon snapped out of its sloppy period. At half time, coach Tony Boggi had made two important changes, taking off Tony Curcio and Oscar Ciro for Bruno Sabidini and John Lucchesi.

John Lucchesi popped up in several good positions before scoring the winning goal in the 78th minute.

Smith played a pass to McGuinness, who turned and passed forward to John Lucchesi.

Lucchesi slipped the ball wide for Heery, who sent a pin-point cross to the far post for Sabidini to knock back across the goal.

John Lucchesi finished the polished move with a neat header into the George Cross goal.

Tony Boggi's only immediate worry is the centre of defence, where lack of pace and mobility is evident.

The midfield is led brilliantly by Claude Lucchesi, but he could do with a little more help. Up front, McGuinness and Heery have the skill and speed to cause havoc, but would be greatly assisted by a big striker.

George Cross coach Johnny Sanchez has many headaches. The defence was poor, but Norm Maitland is a better player than his display against Juventus indicates, and Phil Cutajar has learned a lesson the hard way.

Midfield is the place where great improvement is needed. Once John Bernard settles in (and it's obvious he's still finding his feet), this department will be boosted. — KYLE PATTERSON

VOTES, SCORERS

This week's votes in the "Soccer Action" State League player of the year award —

CROATIA v AJAX
3 Klarin (A)
2 Blavet (C)
1 Cumming (C)

FRANKTON v HAKOAH
3 Edmondson (H)
2 Adams (F)
1 Jordanon (H)

MAKEDONIA v SLAVIA
3 Williams (S)
2 Faulkner (M)
1 Cullen (M)

CROYDON v ALTONA
3 Pengho (C)
2 Lewis (A)
1 Loughnane (C)

GEO. CROSS v JUVENTUS
3 Heery (J)
2 C. Lucchesi (J)
1 Cowan (G)

ALBION v SUNSHINE
3 D'Sylva (A)
2 Clarke (S)
1 McIntyre (A)

Leading votegetters
12 Cullen (Mak)
9 White (Ait), Klarin (Ajax), C. Lucchesi (Juve)

8 Gilder (Cro), Loh (Hak), French (Hak), Williams (Slav), Ellis (Sun)

7 Pengho (Cro), Mitten (Frank), Aldridge (Slav), D. Nelson (Sun)

6 Short (Cro), T. Young (Frank), Faulkner (Mak), Ward (Mak)

Leading goalscorers —
8 Gilder (Cro), Ward (Mak)
7 Mitten (Frank)
6 Swincoe (Frank)
5 Loh (Hak), C. Lucchesi (Juve)
4 Murphy (Cro), D. Nelson (Sun)

VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE

-with Kyle Patterson

MAKEDONIA 0 SLAVIA 0

Ground: B.T. Connor Reserve
Preston Makedonia: Katter - Rainey, Garthwaite, Hughes, Beech - Faulkner, Flavell, Leslie, Cullen, McMillan (Saveski 47th min), Ward.
Prahran Slavia: McPherson - Thompson, Westley, Lawson, Wade - Train, Monaghan, Brindle - Aldridge, Griffiths, Williams.

A bizarre twist of fate entered the State League game between Preston Makedonia and Prahran Slavia with the appearance of controversial striker Mike Saveski.

Saveski was making his first appearance for Makedonia after a mammoth suspension which saw him miss over 20 matches.

The twist of fate is that Saveski earned the massive suspension for an incident in a game against Slavia on August 6, 1978. In that match Slavia defender Andy Miller had a leg broken, and tragically hasn't played for Slavia since.

Slavia's performance was excellent considering Makedonia is unbeaten at home this season, and was fresh from a 5-1 win over Ampol Cup holder Green Gully Ajax.

Slavia's stars were Jim Williams, Steve Lawson, Paul Wade and Alex McPherson. But the story was not of Slavia stealing a point. The Prahran team deserved to share the game after an inspiring first half.

The wind had a lot to do with the pattern of the game. Slavia played with the wind in the first half and created several good scoring chances.

Williams was involved in everything for Slavia, and gave Mike Rainey a torrid time.

Rainey, however, had been involved in a near-fatal car accident earlier in the week, and coach Tony Vrzina said the full back was still upset about the incident.

Billy Brindle made a return to the Slavia midfield after a two-week suspension. One week of the suspension was for being sent off against Sunshine, and the other for accumulating 12 penalty points in bookings.

With Lawson sweeping up well, and Paul Wade, a 16-year-old, doing a fine job at full back, Slavia had most of the play.

But Makedonia held out, and took the initiative after the interval. With the wind behind them, the Preston players pushed forward.

Slavia pulled Williams back into midfield to contain Preston, and this tactic worked well. Slavia nearly caught Preston out with counter attacks.

CROATIA 1 AJAX 1

Scores: Cro - Cumming 15th, Ajax - Perkins 85th.
Ground: Olympic Park.
Essendon Croatia: Blasby - Smart (Andrews), Short, Kokoska, Blaver - Adams, Kerr - Cumming, Murphy, Gilder, Culen.
Green Gully Ajax: Danya - Donaldson, Patton, Cain, Crilly - McCarthy, Klein, Vojtek, Veselilo - Bennie, Perkins.

Green Gully Ajax regained some of its lost pride with a meritorious draw with Essendon Croatia.

In doing so, Green Gully maintained two impressive records. Ajax has now gone through four away games without defeat. Bill Vojtek's boys have scored wins at the Showgrounds (Slavia) and Olympic Park (Juventus), and taken valuable points in draws against Hakoah (Middle Park) and Croatia (Olympic Park).

Still, that record doesn't cover up the embarrassment of four consecutive defeats at Green Gully Reserve.

The other record has special significance to Bill Vojtek. Ajax has played Croatia three times this season, and Croatia is yet to emerge with a clear cut victory.

In fact, Ajax has the better record of the two teams.

The draw against Croatia maintains Vojtek's "unbeaten" record as a coach against his old club.

The stars for Ajax were Lou Danya, Peter Donaldson, Mick Klerin and Vojtek, although Ajax worked well as a team.

Croatia's Ken Murphy, Tony Cumming and Ante Blaver were excellent.

on chances created, Croatia had the edge. The kick hammered against the woodwork on several occasions, but Croatia's only goal came from a scramble in the 15th minute.

The ball struck an Ajax defender and fell to Cumming, who gathered quickly and planted a shot into the back of the net.

Ajax goal came after a good piece of play. David Perkins, who had a quiet game, was on hand to finish off the move.

Ajax played a 4-4-2 formation and reshuffled several players. Mick Klerin went from centre back to midfield and had an outstanding match.

John Patten came back into the team as sweeper and played alongside John Cain. These two played in this partnership for most of last season.

Steve Crilly earned himself a place after a good display against Preston Makedonia last week.

IMPORTS TO BOOST MAKEDONIA FOR CROGIAL MATCHES

Preston Makedonia has bought two new players on the eve of a crucial, championship-deciding two weeks.

Makedonia, which plays unbeaten league leader Frankston City at B.T. Connor Reserve on Sunday, will be strengthened by midfielder Stewart Cunningham and goalkeeper Gary Clayton.

Cunningham played for several seasons in the Scottish Second Division, and Clayton with top English non-league club Dunstable Town.

After the clash with Frankston City, Makedonia tangles with arch-rival Essendon Croatia on June 17 at Olympic Park.

But ace striker George McMillan is in doubt for these games because of a troublesome knee injury. McMillan left the field last week in the game against Slavia, and will see medical specialists this week to determine the extent of the injury.

State League fans are in for a bumper month of great local soccer. By a strange twist of luck, the top three teams - Frankston, Croatia and Makedonia - will meet each other in successive rounds in what will be a "round robin" to decide the superior team.

Frankston, which has a three-point gap at the top, has a great advantage.

The fixtures go as follows: June 10 - MAKEDONIA v FRANKSTON at B.T. Connor Reserve (Round 9).

July 1 - CROATIA v MAKEDONIA at Olympic Park (Round 10).

July 17 - CROATIA v FRANKSTON at Olympic Park (Round 11).

In between, on June 24, Victoria meets the touring Yugoslav team Partizan Belgrade at Olympic Park, which completes the feast of soccer for the fans.

But this week's game between Makedonia and Frankston City is most important. If Frankston can win, it will kick five points clear of Preston, knocking the Makedonia team out of calculations for the present time.

Frankston has yet to show signs of slipping up, although last week's draw against Hakoah at Frankston wasn't the best preparation for the important matches coming up.

Midfielder Keith Webster should be fit for this week's game, but full back Alan Parrott will be out with hamstring trouble.

Coach Freddy Bunce has a headache trying to plug the gap at left back. Makedonia coach Tony Vrzina is desperate to include George McMillan in his line up.

McMillan gives Makedonia the fire up front to worry any State League defence. But even if he is unavailable, Preston has Gary Wade and Robert Culen in top form.

The third striker spot could be filled by a number of players. Jeff Faulkner could switch from midfield, and his place taken by Ljubo Petrovski or Cunningham, if his clearance has come through.

Or Vrzina could leave Faulkner in midfield with Eric Leslie and Gordon Flavell, and place Ian Tuffield, Dusko Maslovski or Mike Saveski up front.

Bunce, too, has several options open. He could place Tony Young, Norrie Campbell or perhaps Alex Tulloch at left back. If Young went to full back, his place in midfield would be filled by Keith Webster. This seems the likely move.

Despite the probable absence of McMillan, I think Makedonia has the pace and explosiveness to defeat Frankston.

While first place third at Preston, second-placed Croatia has a difficult match against Slavia at the Showgrounds. Last season, Slavia defeated Croatia at the Showgrounds, which was one of only two league defeats inflicted on the 1978 champion.

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Slavia's two recent imports Steve Lawson and Dave Griffiths have settled in well, and Jim Williams is in top form.

But the defensive might of Steve Koskoska and Steve Short could be a stumbling block for Slavia, given the tough Slavia defence never stops working.

The combination of Carl Gilder, Tommy Cumming and Ken Murphy is lethal and cohesive, and Slavia must beware of this trio.

However, Croatia knows it must win, and this greater desire should see the team through.

Struggling George Cross must take at least a point against Sunshine City, or the club may well be on the bottom of the ladder by next weekend.

Bottom placed Albion Rovers plays Green Gully at St. Albans and has a good chance of taking both points considering Ajax's woeful home record.

If Albion wins, and George Cross loses, the proud Maltese club will be in the in glorious last place.

Striker Tony Cowan and Jim Paparas are carrying George Cross up front at present. John Barnard is due for a good game for his new club, and the defence of Gary Hooper and Norm Maitland will be tighter.

However, George Cross must cover the loss of Phil Outjar who is out suspended.

Sunshine has a few injury problems, but in Dave Nelson has a dangerous forward. Sunshine has the momentum to win at home.

The Juventus-Croydon clash at Croydon Park will be of great interest because the teams are placed sixth and fifth respectively and are in reach of the top four.

Both have won their past two games, so it's set for an even game.

Juventus, with ace winger Tony Henry and excellent midfielder Claude Lucchesi, has the players to win the game. Bobby McGuinness is also in fine form.

However, Juventus could do with a greater contribution from other players, and the centre of the defence could play with tightening.

Jack Reilly in goal will be hard to pass.

Croydon's defence is finally starting to shake off the bad form which has plagued the team since early in the season, and the attack is starting to be more penetrating.

Peter Laughton must pass a fitness test before being selected this week, but even so, Croydon has the likes of Joe Trent, Pat Lowrey and Dave Brogan to worry Juventus.

I think the game will finish a draw.

In the remaining games, Hakoah should be too strong for Albion City at Kin Reserve, and a draw is the likely result between Green Gully and Albion.

Green Gully v Albion Leyland (Green Gully Res.).

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Albion City v St. Kilda Hakoah (Kin Res.).

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for Cornell, a 20-year-old former Oyster Creek professional. Cornell's ability is rated highly by the English Fourth Division club, which has promised him another contract should the return to England be successful.

Cornell and midfielder Terry Banagan, who has recovered from a chipped ankle bone, could force their way into the Albion team.

The two-point haul has lifted Albion to a respectable position on the league ladder from which the team can mount a challenge for the top four.

Lawry's match winner came after a build up on the right involving Jimmy Spink, Peter Laughton and Dave Brogan before Lowrey found space inside the area.

His powerful shot was parried by Hans van der Poel, but carried on into the net.

Croydon had the better of the play in the first half with winger Laughton outstanding. However, he sustained an injury and had to leave the field.

He was replaced by Charlie Murphy, but Croydon's attack lacked balance after the interval.

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Frankston's three goals. At the other end, Frank Peterson came in for criticism for two of Hakoah's goals.

It was a bad day for the goalkeepers, but still the game was fast and entertaining as Frankston dropped its first championship point of the season.

There were other incidents as well as the handful of goalkeeping errors.

Winger Bruce Young went to hospital with concussion after tangling with full back Gerry Edmondson. Both were seen yellow cards, and were reported to have started an unofficial boxing match as the teams left the field at half time.

Striker Graham French had a short, but rewarding start on the field. He scored a goal in the third minute, his second only in eight championship games, but had to leave the field with an injury sustained while scoring the goal.

A tackle from Bob Adams injured French's knee and he was replaced by Colin Allison.

Due to a shortage of reserves, Hakoah coach Frank Mico, was listed on the team sheet, but didn't make an appearance. However, Frank did play for Hakoah in a mid-week practice match against South Melbourne.

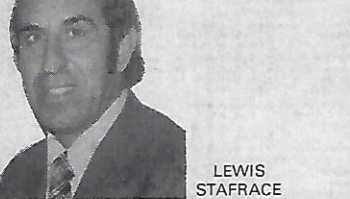
Souths won the game 2-1.

Alex Tulloch made his comeback after breaking a leg earlier this season in a practice match against Doveton.

The best players for Hakoah were Gerry Edmondson, Bill Jordanou and Michael Loh.

Loh was such a threat to Frankston that coach Freddy Bunce reshuffled his team after 20 minutes to cover Loh. Norrie Campbell, who couldn't hold Loh, went up front. Tony Young went from midfield to full back and Noel Mitton went from attack to midfield.

Frankston's best were Bob Adams, Kevin Swincoe and Ged Bannion, who is firing on all cylinders at present.



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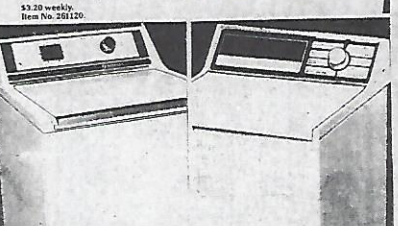
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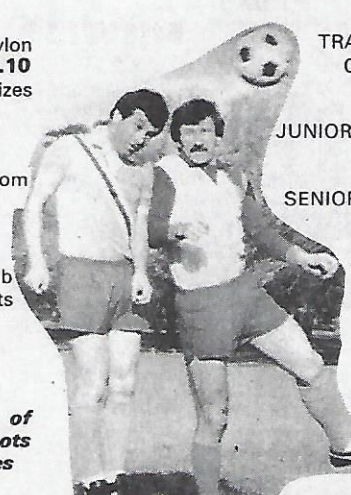
A draw will be made to divide the

leagues into two groups of three with each team playing the other members of their group. The winners of each group will meet to decide the Victorian country League champions.

The competition is open to country leagues affiliated to the Victorian Soccer Federation.

The championships will be held at different country league centre areas each year during the Queen's birthday weekend.

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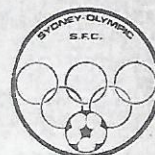
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